

### Arab ministers to meet soon

DAMASCUS (R) - Arab foreign ministers are expected to meet in the next few days, possibly in Beirut, to discuss their next step before a new round of Arab-Israeli peace talks, diplomats said Friday. The United Stares and Russia have invited Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians to resume Middle East peace talks in Washington at the end of this month (see story below). Damascus Radio in a commentary Friday said the Arab foreign ministers were expected to meet to coordinate the positions, but gave no dare or venue. Diplomans said Beirut could be a possible venue for the meeting of the foreign ministers of Syria, Lebanon. Jordan, Egypt and the head of of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Poliocal Department, but a final decision had yer ro be taken. The foreign ministers' meeting has become a routine prelude to each new round of the 2t-month-old talks. A meeting in Beirut would be "a show of solidarity with Lebanon" after the week-long tsraeli onslaught last month which posed a serious threat to the peace process, one diplomat said. A U.S.-brokered ceasefire paved the way for a five-day trip by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Mr. Christophet said his visit had salvaged the

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serious condition Friday after serious conomon rinos, being shor by Palesrinian assailants, doctors said. The soldier was shot in his right thigh

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NICOSIA (R) - A Turkish Cypriot businessman wbo disappeared on a jail outing in Bri-Free and Cyprus, a British diplomat said the manast Friday. "Turkish Cypriot police and his bonfirmed that he is in northern tion part Cyorus," the diplomat told Reureses the mot police in northern Cyprus Table: his swho promised to interview Gulteare attendation Ben, believed to be staying neral with swith his wife and children in the બા માન અધિ northern coastal town of Kyrenia, ா அரி ந்துவி he added. "We'll go and talk to hy was about the police on Monday and get the in 1972 Thresults of the police's interviews and his with Ben," he said. Mr. Ben was is harm the serving a five-year jail sentence as with the for fraud and tax evasion when he ; told Aike went missing last Saturay after a elevated a five-hour leave to visit his family.

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NICOSIA (AFP) -- Iraqi opposito him the sion gunmon tried to kill the Iraqi Constant in error minister as his motorcade children is month, the opposition said. Watthe again ban Ibrahim Al Hassan, who is 100 Mos. brother, "escaped unbarmed but 100 Mos several bodyguards and members 200 Mos of his enforced management and members Wie also Saddam Hussein's halfof his entourage were killed," the opposition's Al Mutamar news-The the paper said in a copy obtained in the local to use to use the copy of t ree to was to fire on the motorcade as it drove ate called down Palestine Street in central have common the weekly rhe weekly, which the Iraqi National Congress publishes in Kurdish controlled northern Iraq. people were arrested by Iraqi 'A large number of innocent aurhorities following the shooring inc. it added

# Turkish Cypriots

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repulse is northern Cyprus have seized arms
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# Palestinian resignation crisis ends, but major snags remain

By Wafa Amr

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — The crisis sparked by the resignation of three top Palestinian delegates to the peace talks has been temporarily re-solved, but the long-term problem of how to integrate Palesri-nian decision-making from inside the occupied territories and the diaspora remains a big challenge for the Palestinian leadership.

Palestinian delegates who returned to the occupied territories via Amman Friday, after almost five days of heated debates at the PLO's headquarters in Tunis, said the crisis was solved to the sansfaction of both the PLO and the delegation, for now.

We have reached decisions which we believe will solve all the (immediate) problems and which will enable us to pursue the peace process through means that will lead to the attainment of our people's objectives," Faisal Husseini, overall leader of the Palestinian peace team, said upon arrival from Tnnis.

The PLO's Executive Committee refused to accept the resignation of the three members of the delegation - Mr. Husseini, Saeb Erekat and Hanan Ashrawi, and issued a statement following the meetings renewing its confidence in the peace delegation in pur-suing its "national tasks."

Combined agency dispaches

BEIRUT - The Arab-Israeli

peace talks set to resume Aug. 30

hold high hopes for progress be-

cause the U.S. appears to be

more serious, Syrian President Hafez Al Assad said in remarks

"We would like to think the

next round of talks will bring

positive results, because we bave

felt more seriousness from the

Americans, who are committed

to the talks and have a vested

interest in them," Mr. Assad told

the Al Safir daily.

Mr. Assad told Al Safir that

Washington was biased towards

Israel, but could be shown how

Israeli actions threatened the

The Syrian leader also said his

country "could not adopt an iso-

lated attitude or one which would

harm the other Arab parties,"

Lebanese, Jordan and Palesti-

"The settlement can only be

comprehensive," Mr. Assad said.

That means we must be con-

cerned about what is proposed to

the Palestinians. We cannot adv-

ance without them or move past

"As long as they are not

offered something they can

accept, at least as a starting point,

the negotiations will remain

I.S. national interest.

published Friday.

Some PLO officials said the Executive Committee's statement reflected the delegation's triumph in achieving renewed confidence from the PLO, and in integrating Palestiruans from the occupied territories in the PLO's decisionmaking structure. The crisis also played a role in reactivating the PLO's decision-making institu-tions, mainly the Executive Committee, which have been bypas-sed by PLO Chairman Yasser

PLO officials said. PLO information ehief Yasser Abed Rubbo, who is a close aide to Mr. Arafat, said in Tunis Thursday that the Executive Committee bad decided to merge the leadership committee of the negotiating team with the PLO committee for supervising the peace talks.

Arafat and a small circle of aides,

This is a decision aimed at unifying work inside and outside (the occupied territories)," Mr. Abed Rabbo said.

The new framework of action by the PLO was aimed at giving the local Palestinian leadership a bigger say in decisions, as well as introducing some system of cheeks and balances into the PLO's decision-making process, the officials said.

But these officials also expressed scepticism over the degree of

when peace talks resume

U.S., Russia send out Aug. 30 invitations

Jordan gets

JORDAN'S Minister of State for

Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al

Hassan said Friday that the gov-

ernment had received a verbal

invitation by the sponsors of the

Middle East peace process to

attend the next round of peace

talks, which will be held in

The dispute between Israel,

Syria and Lebanon is different

from that with the Palestinians.

We are asking for the recovery of

our occupied land and nobody on

the international scene ebal-

lenges the fact that the Golan is

Syrian and South Lebanon is

there is a conflict over territory, identity and the political rights of

the Palestinians and their future

demands a starting point and a

framework to reassure the

Palestinians and help them

achieve their demands even in

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"It's only after that, that we

"It is a complex dispute which

on their land;" Mr. Assad said.

"But in occupied Palestine.

ebanese," he said.

he said.

Washington on Aug. 30.

blocked," we told the daily.

invitation

Assad expects progress

leaders would have on future decisions by the PLO.

The crisis was solved for now, and committees were set up, but the disarray over the crisis in Palesrinian circles has not reflected a serious attempt by the PLO leadership to cede some powers to the local leadership," one of the officials said.

The week-long discussions, he said, did not seriously deal with the roots of the problems that led to political divisions in the de-legation itself, in the PLO leadership and amongst all sectors of the Pulestinian community.

The recent crisis, triggered by differences over the decisionmaking process and lack of coordination and consultation, also exposed serious problems over relations between the diaspora Palestinians and those living inside the occupied territories and channels of communication be-

The yearning of Palestinians inside the occupied territories for a role in shaping Palestinian politics had been ignored since the PLO's forced departure from Lebanon in 1982, officials said. The growing importance arrached to the role of the "inside" in Palestinian resistance against the Israeli occupation, particularly since the intifada began in 1987,

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tions of peace," bo said.

"We want a formula close to

the Madrid conference. That is to

say the application of U.N. re-

solutions and the principle of land

The United States and Russia

have invited Israel and the Arabs

to resume peace talks in

Washington at the end of August

in bopes of grinding out progress even "millimetre by millimetre,"

the State Department said Thurs-

"We've asked them to return

to Washington nt the end of Angust, "Mike McCurry, the

spokesman, told the depart-ment's daily briefing.

ably went out in the last 24 bours.

adding he was unaware whether

any replies had been received. No

firm dates bad been set and Mr.

talks early next month was also

an option depending on how the

of the parties," Secretary of State

Warren Christopher said in an

interview on Cable News Net-

process is to try to get to a more

normal situation where they (the

parties) can have normal rela-

tionships with each other," Mr.

"The woole purpose of this

"I think they'll all return - all

parties responded.

work (CNN).

McCurry said reconvening the

He said the invitations prob-

for peace," Mr. Assad said,

# Jordan relieved

Jordan Times

جوردان تايمز يومية سياسية تصعر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية ،الراي،

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan Friday welcomed the end of the crisis between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Palesrinian negotiators who bad threatened to resign over the way the PLO coordinates negotiating strategy.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Satzan Al Hassan expressed relief over "the Palestinians' ability to overcome their political crisis and emerge with a unified stand," the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. Mr. Hassan reiterated Jordan's

commitment to "offer every possible assistance to the Palestinians and to support their positions in the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations in order to achieve the aspired goals and to regain all occupied Arab lands and the leginmate national rights of the Palestinian people on their national soil," Petra said.

Information Minister Ma'n Abu Nowar said the end of the crisis would help the Arab-Israeli

"This happy move will result in pushing the peace process forward on a basis accepted by the Palestinian people," be said.



Hafez Al Assad

He said if the parties can de-velop some confidence in each other there was a chance to achieve real peace in the region. The next round of talks would be the 11th since the peace process began in Madrid in October

Asked what the United States expected from the next round, Mr. McCurry initially referred to "inch by ineh" progress towards a Mideast peace., then spoke of hopes for even "centimetre by centimetre" or "millimetre by millimetre" beadway.

Mr. Christopher said Wednesday night that be saw a "dim light" at the end of the tunnel. 'It's way out there, and I think we ougth to pursue it very hard." he added in a separate television interview when asked about prospects for peace.

Mr. McCurry said Christopher did not currently plan to sbuttle among Mideast capitals to promote the peace process, but would continue what the United States

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# Army stays put in S. Lebanese positions

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese troops have remained in their positions and not mounted a single patrol in the five days since they moved into a U.N.-policed zone facing Israel's frontlines in South Lebanon, security soutces said Friday.

They said the 300 soldiers who arrived Monday bad been bringing in warer and food, erecting tents and ficing power and communications links to their positions in four villages.

They have not established any road eheckpoints, the sources

"At the moment the army presence appears to be no more than the result of a propaganda exercise," a security source said.

The Beirut government decided to send troops into the U.N. zone aftet a U.S.-hrokered ceasefite on July 31 halted a seven-day Israeli blitz which killed neatly I50 people and woulded more than 600 in the south. Undet the ceasefire, Hizbollah

(Party of God) stopped firing Katyusha tockets into northern Israel but vowed to keep up attacks on Israeli forces in South Lebanon.

In previous deployments across the country during the past two years, the 40,000-strong Lebanese army set up checkpoints and started patrolling withhours of arriving in new areas. Military sources had said between 500 and 1,000 troops had

been sent to the zone, held by the nine-nation U.N. Interim-Froce In Lebanon (UNIFIL), since an Israeli incursion in 1978.

Israel hoped the army presence in area bordering on its self-styled "security zone" in South Lebanon would curb Hizbollah, as repeatedly demanded by the Jewish state and the United States.

But the Lebanese government holds the deployment was not aimed at halting guerrilla attacks but was to back up civilians whose villages bore the hrunt of the Israeli bombardments.

Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadiallah, leader of Lebanon's pro-Iranian Muslim fundamentalists, said the army was aware of the role of the resistance and refused to clash with guerrillas. "Those who talk about a possi-

ble problem betwen the army and the resistance don't like the complementry role between the resistance and the army or they don't understand the situation, he said in a Friday prayer sermon in Beirut's southern suburbs. "They are in fact seeking to

create this problem because they are against the security of the country," Sheikh Fadlallah Political sources said the army

deployment was scaled down as Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, objected to a larger deployment arguing it might lead to clashes with guerrillas.

Defence Minister Mohsen Dalloul was quoted Thursday as saying the Lebanese army's task was to ensure security and state authority and no illegal arms would be allowed in their areas.

There will be no illegal weapons where the army is present," be told Beirut's Al Sharq

He said the army would nor interfere in guerrilla operations launched from areas under its control against Israeli forces in

the "security zone."

"We are not a guard for this occupier (Israeli). our army is meant to defend our people and our land," said Mr. Dalloul, adding that once Israeli forces left Lebanon the army would hair the resistance.

U.N. and Lebanese commanders agreed thar positions set up by soldiers in four out of the 70 villages in the U.N. zone should be no closer than 500 metres from the nearest UNIFIL posts.

"The Lebanese army has a separate mission and are positioned in areas separate to UNI-FIL posts," a U.N. officer told Reuters.

"UNIFIL and the Lebanese army remain independent. There will be no joint operations but both forces will coordinate to ensure there is no interference in each other's operations," he

# HOTEL COLLAPSE: An overview of the ruins of tonnes of concrete and steel. About 100 people are the Royal Plaza Hotel in northeastern Thalland that feared dead and more than 300 injured (see page 8)

collapsed Friday burying guests and workers under

# **Direct Israeli-PLO talks** are near, Palestinians say

Delegates named members of PLO panel

Combined agency dispatches Bank and Gaza Strip were permanent members of the high-

JERICHO, Occupied West Bank - Palestinian peace negotiators — Palestinian peace negotiators said Friday they believed Israel was moving towards direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), a development they say bodes well for Middle East peace.

"From all indications it looks like the Israeli government is

liko the Israeli government is moving towards direct dialogue with the PLO," spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said on her return from Tunis where she and six appointed to senior PLO posi-

"Second of all from purely pragmatic reasons, without discussing the pobtical and legal aspects, if Israel wants a genuine peace agreement and a binding peace agreement, then it's only natural that it should talk to the representatives of the Palestinian people," she said.
"We were trying to improve

the functions and the smooth running of the operations on the Palestinian side. It was purely an internal move," Dr. Ashrawi said. "If this results in a direct dialogue between the PLO and the Israeli government, then that would certainly be a positive

Dr. Ashrawi and other delegates returned from five days of heated discussions with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis to announce that seven Palestinians from the occupied West Abdul Shafi, spokeswoman

er committee steering the nego-

"It is clear for everyone that the one who is leading the nego-tiations is the PLO," Faisal Husseini, overall leader of tho Palestinian negotiating team, told news conference. The development sparked he-

ated exchanges between the opposition and the government in Israel, which has been edging closer towards recognising the PLO through a series of meetings members and Palestinian offi-

In Tunis, senior PLO officials said the seven would now openly represent the group. It was a small, but significant step towards a more clearly defined PLO presence at the negotiating table.

"It will upgrade the Palestinian participation in the peace talks," said Bassam Abu Sharif, a top Arafat adviser. "The fact that neither (Prime

Minister Yitzhak) Rabin por the Israeli government has rejected their appointment will bring Israeli recognition of the PLO closer," he said. Mr. Abu Sharif acknowledged

that the delegates were known previously as representing the PLO position.

"But now the issue is pubbe." he said. The delegates said the seven would be Mr. Husseini, Haidar Ashrawi, Saeh Erekat, Taysir Aruri, Nabil Kassis and Azmi Mr. Husseini said it did not

matter if Israel accepted the idea either officially or unofficially. They are not sitting with the official leadership of the PLO but they are negotiating with the

PLO," he said.

Israel has refused to negotiate directly with the PLO, although it acknowledged that delegates from the occupied territories received orders from Tunis.

Foreign Minister Shimoo described the change as a gimmick that would have no impact

on the peace talks. "It doesn't make a difference to us, for us, it's the same delegation, the same names, the same procedure," he said.

Mr. Peres noted that it was technically illegal to belong to the PLO in the occupied territories. That appeared to be why dolegates dodged direct questions about their new status in the PLO

hierarchy. The move was criticised by officials of the right-wing Likud opposition who viewed the appointments as a significant step towards direct PLO-Israel talks.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused the Labourled government of "destroying the wall" that bis government (Continued on page 10)

Chronology of Israeli stance, page

# Italian unit to leave Mogadishu in protest over U.N. approach

MOGADISHU (AP) — The commander of Italian troops accused U.N. forces Friday of losing sight of thoir humanitarian mission and said be was wirbdrawing his men from rbe capital to protest the peacekeepers' violent tactics. The departure of bundreds of

Italian peacekeepers to rural central Somalia "is the only way we can show we don't agree with the policies of the United Nations," said General Bruno Loi. Ir was the most stinging artack by an alliance member on tactics used by the American-dominated U.N. command.

Several American milirary officers here said on condition of anonymity that unilateral actions hy the Italians endangered other peacekeepers and threatened to solit the alliance.

Gen. Loi told reporters the Italian contingent was to withdraw from this embattled seaside capital in early September. About 2,400 Italian troops are in Somalia, several hundred of them controlling the northern sector of Mogadishu.

the Italian general's criticism marked the culmination of weeks of tension between allies in the 28-nation peacekeeping coalition over the world body's mission in this war-ravaged East African

The United Nations took over in May from U.S. troops who were protecting aid shipments in Somalia, where an estimated 350,000 people died in the previous year of fighting and famine. Some U.S. troops remained and the United States retains strong influence with the overall U.N. command Gen. Loi said terrorist attacks

by gunmen on U.N. forces have intensified, increasing "in quannty and efficiency." 'We cannot use the same

means, we have to remove the causes. It started as a bumanitarian mission and it must remain a humanitarian mission," he said, speaking through an interpreter. By adopting a stern military response, U.N. forces were in effect using the same tactics as the fighters of clan warlords, he

said. Somali fighters used civilians as human shields, and Gen. Loi noted that civilian casualties were reported in U.N. actions. A rift between Italian officers and the U.N. command first appeared in July, after three Ita-

lian soldiers died and 30 were wounded in gunbattles with fighters loyal to renegade warlord Mohammad Farrah Aideed.

Some members of the coalition, including Germany and Arab and African countries, have

The United Nations has ordered the arrest of Gen. Aideed, and pur a \$25,000 reward on his head.

Italy said it favoured negotianons with community elders linked to Gen. Aideed to regain lost ground and end fighting between Somalis and U.N. rroops.

A U.N. spokesman said the U.N. military command received no official nonfication by lare Friday of the planned Iralian withdrawal from Mogadishu.

"Ir will creare a void that will have to be filled," said spokesman Major David Stockwell. But he added: "The system bere was created to be flexible.

No one conringent is indispensable." Gen. Loi's crideism of U.N. tactics echoed charges by 26 private charities Wednesday that

U.N. forces abused human rights. The charities cited heavy aerial homhardments of purpotted Aideed strongholds in which heavy civilian casualties were reported.

deaths of 39 peacokeepers, ineluding four Americans, on pro-Aideed gunmen since June 5.

U.N. forces have blamed the

Cbristopber welcomes Italian

# J.S. vows to check **Iran-bound vessel** carrying chemicals

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher vowed Thursday that the United States would prevent China from delivering a cargo of alleged banned chemicals that is

en route by ship to Iran.
"We have reliable information that there are chemical weapons on board that ship. We're determined to inspect the ship," he said on Cable News Network.

The United States has said it believes the materials on the ship Yinhe are the raw ingredients for banned chemical weapons.

"Not surprisingly, not every nation is anxious to have the ship put into its port but we'll find a way to do that," said Mr. Christ-opher. "We'il find a way to make sure that those ... chemicals of various kinds ... are not delivered into the wrong hands.'

Washington has admitted tracking the ship, which left the Chinese port of Dalian on July 15 and is now believed to be in :- Iranian territorial waters.

The episode has added tensions 3. to the rocky relationship between - China and the United States, which has been trying to curh Peking's sale of weapons and components it considers destabiising, especially to countries Washington deems unreliable, : like Iran.

... China this week accused the United States of acting as "self-anointed international policeman," a charge the State Department rejected.

'> In the interview, Mr. Christcopher said: "The United States is · determined to prevent the spread of chemical and hiological weapons and this (Yinhe stan-... doff) is part of our programme on

that."
"We're trying to find circumstances under which we can inspect at least the United Arah Emithe ship," he said.

The United States raised the issue of the ship's contents with Peking and asked both China and been reluctant to do, apparently governments in the Gulf to for fear of angering Iran.

cooperate in persuading the ves-sel not to go through with its

delivery to Iran. Saudi Arabia, a close U.S. ally in the Gulf region, is among those governments asked to help in this regard, apparently to no avail.

Still, State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said Thursday the United States was completely satisfied with Saudi Arabia's cooperation.

Beside Saudi Arabia, the United States has reportedly asked the United Arah Emirates, Kuwait and Bahrain to inspect the ship at their ports, something they have been reluctant to do apparently for fear of angering

"We're completely satisfied with the expressions of support and cooperation we've received in our discussions with them," Mr. McCurry, the State Department spokesman, told reporters.

referring to Saudi Arabia. On Wednesday, Mr. McCurry said the United States had asked a number of unidentified Gulf states to let the ship dock for

Although he declined at the time to name any of the Gulf states in question, the State Department spokesman acknowledged in reply to a question about Saudi Arabia on Wednesday that it was "a likely point of contact." among others, for the U.S.-sought inspection,

Mr. McCurry reported no change in the ship's status Thursday, saying it remained in the Straits of Hormuz, off Iran, still apparently going nowhere and still apparently under continuous U.S. overhead and naval surveill-

Beside Saudi Arabia, the United States has reportedly asked rates, Kuwait and Bahrain to stage the inspection at one of their ports, something they have

# U.S. consults Israel on Demjanjuk affair

"clarification" from the Israeli one petitioner argued he had not on John Demjanjuk the retired Ohio auto worker accused of Nazi war crimes, but it declined to say whether American diplomats pressed for his release from prison.

Earlier Thursday, private U.S. sources reported American diplomats in Israel had interceded in an attempt to get Demjanjnk released.

In Cleveland, Demjanjuk's son-in-law said Thursday that Demjanjuk's family was asking the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv for a temporary visa to Demjanjuk to return to the United

Ed Nishnic said that be also met with top aides to members of Ohio's congressional delegation and asked them to pressure the U.S. government to provide Demjanjuk protection for a trip to his Cleveland-area home.

Senator John Glenn, Representative Eric Fingerhut, Rep. Martin Hoke and Rep. James Traficant signed letters to Attorney General Janet Reno, asking her to arrange security for Dem-· janjuk's return.

Israeli Attorney General Yosef Harish recommended Wednesday that Demjanjuk be deported rather than tried again for Nazi

war crimes. Last month, the Israeli supreme court overturned Demianjuk's conviction and death sentence as a camp guard.

But it said there was evidence he had committed other war crimes. Petitioners demanded that the

WASHINGTON (AP) — State supreme court grant a new trial. Department says it has sought The court delayed its ruling after

attorney general's recommenda-

The State Department, responding to a reporter's inquiry, issued a statement Thursday night. It said the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv had transmitted a letter Tuesday to the Israeli state attorney's office on the case as "part of the emhassy's dialogue with the state attorney's office."

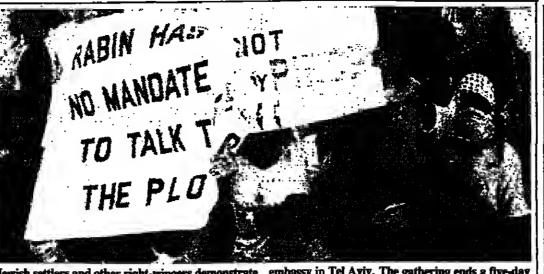
The letter "was designed to seek clarification of legal issnes that both governments consider germane to the Demjanjuk proceedings," the statement said.

The Cincinnati-hased sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that Demjanjuk, 73, should be able to return while the court investigates his 1986 extradition to Israel to face Nazi war crimes charges. The court said it needs Demjanjuk to participate in the investigation.

The court is to hear arguments Sept. 3 about whether the Justice Department withheld information Demjanjuk could have used to fight his extradition.

Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Qin Huasun, quoted by state radio and television, said Washington had rejected a proposal for third party inspection of the ship's cargo and was causing "huge" economic losses.

Mr. Qin demanded that the United States call off warships and military aircraft that have been tailing the Yinhe on its Middle East Voyage.



Jewish settlers and other right-wingers demonstrate embassy in Tel Aviv. The gathering ends a five-day Thursday outside Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's action against the government's peace initiative Labour Party headquarters, opposite the U.S. (AFP photo)

# Chronology of Israeli stance towards PLO

it was founded in 1964 and Israeli governments have long upheld the taboo on direct contacts with

This stance has eroded under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Here are some milestones in Israel's attitude:

October 1991 — Palestinian delegation to ground-breaking Arab-Israeli peace talks in Madrid is made up of residents of the Israeli-occupied territories at Israel's insistence, excluding the Tunis-hased PLO from formal participation. PLO officials do, however, direct the team.

June 18, 1992 — Three top members of the Palestinian peace team meet PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Amman, embracing and kissing him. It is the first publicly acknowledged meeting between the negotiators with any PLO official.

June 19, 1992 — The hardline government of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir says it will arrest the three on their return hut later the authorities only question them.

June 23, 1992 — Labour Party leader Rabin ousts

Expellees

may accept

Israeli offer

MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon

(R) — The leader of the 395

Palestinian exiles stranded in

South Lebanon said Friday he

expected them to accept an

Israeli offer to take them back in

stages between September and

the issue there will be an accept-

ance," Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi

told reporters at their camp be-

tween Israeli and Lehanese army

The expellees had insisted they

would go hack only as one group hut Dr. Rantisi said recent

events, such as the resumption of

Arab-Israeli peace talks in May,

Other factors were the decline

in media coverage of their plight

and an increase in the number of

sick exiles. More than 100 are

now sick.
The exiles were excited at the

prospect of returning home,

though many said they expected

Israel was widely condemned

when it banished 415 men from

the occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip to Lebanon on Dec.

17, saying they were linked to violent Islamic groups.

U.N. sanctions, it agreed to take

back 101 and halve the expulsion

period for the rest. In May Israeli

military review committees said

The Palestinians rejected the

Israeli offers, insisting on imple-

mentation of U.N. Resolution

799, which demanded that they

must all he returned immediately.

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because they were ill or because

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On Aug. 2 Israel said it would

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would be allowed back by the end

Dr. Rantisi, who described the

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the end of the year.

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel refused to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) when Labour says Palestinian peace delegates can con-Labour says Palestinian peace delegates can consult whom they want.

July 14, 1992 - Mr. Rabin forms coalition with leftist Meretz bloc, which publicly backs direct talks with the PLO.

Jan. 19, 1993 — Israeli parliament lifts 1986 ban that made PLO contacts a crime. But Mr. Rabin still refuses to negotiate directly with the organisa-

Jan. 29, 1993 — Labour parliament member Yael Dayan is first Israeli politician to meet Mr. Arafat publicly.

Aug. 5, 1993 — Israel Radio says Mr. Rabin approved an unprecedented meeting in July between Environment Minister Yossi Sarid of Meretz and Mr. Arafat's adviser Nabil Shaath. Aug. 11, 1993 - Mr. Rabin's spokesman confirms that Mr. Rabin approved the Sarid-Shaath meeting but insists it was not a government mission. Aug. 12, 1993 - Israel does not object to unprecedented appointment of seven Palestinian peace team members to the PLO committee headed by Mr. Arafat that directs the peace talks.

# Christopher welcomes Italian move in Somalia

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Thursday that Italy's decision to move its troops from Mogadishn to locations north of the capital was a constructive step that would not harm U.N. efforts in Somalia. "I don't think that's narmful at

all," Mr. Christopher said in an Cable News. interview on Network.

"There have been some differences with the Italians on exactly how to approach the situation in Mogadishu. I think it's probably constructive that they are going to he some place else in Somalia being helpful to the overall mission, but not being there in Mogadishu.
"I don't think that interfere

with the effort the United Nations is making," Mr. Christopher said. .

Italian Defence Minister Fabio Fabhri said in Rome that Italy told the United Nations weeks ago, after a series of gun battles in Mogadishu, that it would withdraw from the capital if the U.N. command in Somalia was not

It had not received a sufficient reply, he said in a statement, and Italian troops could be moved out of Mogadishu "within a few

days. The question we raised is over the amount and the way in which force is used," Mr. Fahbri said. A majority of Italy's 2,600 troops in Somalia, a former colony, are in Mogadishu, military officials said. Three Italian soldiers were killed in an amhush in

the city in July. Italy fiercely criticised a July 12 U.N. strike led by American heliconters against a command centre in Mogadishn of fugitive warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed. Four foreign journalists were killed by

angry mobs after the attack. Mr. Christopher said the United States was determined to resolve the situation in Somalia and called General Aideed the main obstacle to stability in the country.

The United States is determined not to walk away from this situation. We made so much progress, and there's a good deal of progress going on in the nation-huilding. This is no time

for us to leave," Mr. Christopher

"I don't want to get into precise techniques that we might use, but I think bringing him (Aideed) under control one way or the other or arresting him ideally is a very important building block to making the next steps possible in Mogadishn," he said.

State Department Spokesman!. Mike McCurry declined to elaborate when asked about Mr. Christopher's, snggestion that "some new techniques" are going to be needed to track down Gen. Aideed and at least diminish his power in some way.

We had a good briefing earlier in the week hy David Shinn," the U.S. coordinator for Somalia, Mr. McCurry reminded reporters. "There was some speculation coming out of that briefing and I don't have anything further beyond that,"

He was also asked about a letter from some 25 nongovernmental organisations operating in Somalia which have urged the United Nations to minimise its use of military force there. "We don't concur in every assessment that's been made, Mr. McCurry said.

"We will examine their criticisms, but I think you've heard us rather often and frequently here describe what we believe to be the role of our U.S. force participating in the UNOSOM mission and the degree to which we're satisfied that it has been operating effectively," he said.

Expressing concern about another issue raised in the letter concerning alleged violations of human rights in Somalia, Mr. McCurry said the United States will continue to monitor the situation closely and 'will urge the United Nations to investigate fully the allegations that have come from these private organisa-

Defence Department spokes-man Captain Michael Doubleday was also asked about efforts relative to Gen. Aideed. Capt. Doubleday said the "capture of Aideed is authorised under a U.N. Security Council resolution, and that is as a result of his role in the ambush of the Pakistani peacekeepers.

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# Kabul University to reopen

By Terence White Agence France Presse

KABUL - Dust now dulls the revolutionary spark in the eyes of Lenin's flint-eyed profile, illustrating the red-covered books containing his political writings in the library at Kabul University.

University officials expect little demand for the tomes but do hope the library will be busy again on Aug. 23, when they plan to reopen the university. But serious obstacles remain,

notably a lack of basic services and the continuing warfare here that are more pressing problems than outdated reading materials. "We have more than 150,000 'red' books," said university dean

Amir Hasanyar, referring to the now-useless communist texts.
"Since 1979 (when the Soviets

invaded Afghanistan) we were isolated from the ontside world. Our problem is not a lack of books - although most of the these are propaganda — but a lack of new westero texts," he said.

The library building is punc-tured by rocket holes but the book collection is intact, even if. as the dcan said, it is "old and out

of date." Curiously, the library is the only university building to escape looting by guerrillas during their past I7 months of occupation of the Afghan capital.

"These books must be the only unwanted booty in Afghanistan," a visitor commented. "They have little value in the hazzar.

Kahnl University, founded during the reign of King Nadir Shah in 1933, started with only one faculty, medicine, before the school gradually expanded with help from France, Britain, West Germany and the United States to a total of 13 faculties serving 10,000 students, 60 per cent of whom were female.

Dr. Hasanyar, who received his master's degree in Lebanon and his doctorate in the United States, is keen to reopen the university, which closed in April 1992 when the guerrillas entered Kabul, although the staff stayed on until February.

"It is a crime to leave our students without a destiny. This country needs experts for reconstruction, and to train experts you need a university," Dr. Hasanyar

A firm believer that Afghan woman have an important role to play in reconstruction, he has defended their right to higher education against a challenge by some Muslim clergymen.

"I want a Western-style university, with mixed, not segregated classes, and finally this was agreed," Dr. Hasanyar said with obvious satisfaction.

Integration of classes is only one immediate problem, for the campus is not only a wasteland hut a contested wasteland in south Kabul, on the front line between two warring factions. One of them still uses the

500-hectare campus as a military base, with heavy weapons such as rocket launchers located on itsperiphery. "In the past six months we

were closed and we lost 200 of our 600 staff members, but nevertheless our plan is to reopen on August 23," Dr. Hasanyar insisted.

But it has been decided to intially hold classes only for fourth-year students, who used to number 3,000. No one knows how many still live in Kabul, or how many will brave the battlefield journey back to school.

A lack of water and electricity will also cause difficulty, as will a shortage of laboratory equipment and books, but the dean said classes would start on time even if the students have to sit outside As for their security, he admit-

ted, "We have no guarantees at all, hut the reopening committee has spoken with all the main factions in Kabul, who have expressed their support for us."

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

# U.S. troops going to Kuwait for exercise

WASHINGTON (R) - A U.S. army hattalion task force of nearly 1.500 soldiers will begin moving to Kuwait next week for a joint military exercise, the U.S. Defence Department said Thursday. The exercise, called Intrinsic Action 93-3. "is intended to further exercise and demonstrate the United States' capabilities and the continuing commitment to the security and stability of the Persian Gulf region," a spokesman, Captain Mike Douhleday, said. The task force of elements from the 3rd Infantry Division and 5th Special Forces Group will move to Kuwait over three weeks and the exercise is then expected to last about 30 days, he said.

# American Jewish leaders praise Rabin and U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — Over 100 American Jewish leaders Thursday issued a public statement praising the peacemaking efforts of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Bill Chinton administration. "When it comes to Israel's security, nobody knows more than Yitzhak Rahin, nobody," the statement said. Citing Mr. Rabin's military background, it said the Israeli leader's "tough, pragmatic approach makes sense: Unyielding on security, active in the search for peace." The American Jewish leaders said they "appreciate the Clinton administration's efforts to broker Mideast peace," and expressed confidence that "the U.S. will provide the high-level intense engagement necessary to bridge gaps, including the direct involvement of the president when needed." The statement was organised by Project Nishma, a group that emphasises security aspects of peace. Theodore Mann, Project Nishma's co-chairman, said the statement was issued "as negotiations approach a critical stage. It refutes the ludicrous notion, promulgated by a few critics here and in Israel, that Yitzhak Rabin is a starry-eyed romantic who is somehow naive about sthe Arab Signers of the statement included Project Nishma cochairman Edward Sanders, past president of the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee Rahbi Alexander Schindler, President of Union of American Hehrew Congregation Robert Lifton, President of American Jewish Congress and Human Bookbinder, former Washington representative of American Jewish Congress.

### **Bush meets Moroccan king**

RABAT (AFP) - King Hassan II of Morocco and George Bush played golf here Thursday after the former U.S. president flew in from Spain on a private visit accompanied by his wife Barbara. Moroccan officials said that after their game, Mr. Bush and King Hassan had a round of talks in private followed hy a dinner at Shaiart, a beach resort about 20 kilometres south of Rabat. No information was available about what was discussed. Mr. Bush and his wife were flown from Madrid aboard an aircraft specially chartered by King Hassan.

## Lebanese minister fired for incompetence

BEIRUT (AP) - Prime Minister Rafik Hariri has fired a Christian. cabinet member who had been hlamed for the slow rehabilitation of the country's war-wrecked electricity network. George Frem was replaced as minister of state without portfolio by a fellow Maronite Catholic and parliament member, Jean Obeid, a cabinet announcement said. In June, Mr. Frem was stripped of his electricity and hydranling resources portfolio amid accusations of incompetence. He was kept in the cabinet as state minister and his portfolio was given to another Maronite cabinet minister, Ehe Hobeika. Within 24 hours of Mr. Frem's demotion, Hobeika had signed a \$66 million contract with an Italian firm to overhand Lebanon's electricity plants. Wednesday's reshuffle was the first since Mr. Hariri formed his government in October to oversee the reconstruction of the country's infrastructure which was demolished during the 1975-90 civil war. Power-rationing under Mr. Hariri has diminished to 12 hours a day. Before he came to power electricity supply averaged a maximum of six hours a day. Mre Hariri is a self-made hillionaire who enjoys the support of Syria and Saudi Arabia, where he made his fortune. Mr. Hariri holds Saudi citizenship in addition to his Lehanese and is a personal friend of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd. His prestige has helped draw promises from the oil-rich Gulf states of financial aid to help rebuild

## israel offers to take Yugoslavian children

TEL AVIV (R) - Health Minister Haim Ramon has told the World Health Organisation (WHO) that Israel is ready to treat children wounded in the conflict in former Yugoslavía, army radio said Thursday. It said Mr. Ramon expected an answer soon from the WHO on the number of children and type of treatment they would need. Several hospitals already were preparing to receive the children, it added.

## Egypt jails 'skyscraper of death' landlady

CAIRO (R) - The owner of Cairo's "skyscraper of death". jerry-built apartment block which killed 67 people in last October's earthquake — has been jailed for 10 years, Cairo newspaper, reported Friday. Landlady Kamila Ali Mohammad and her contractor husband Ahmad Tawfiq were convicted of breaking building codes by skimping on reinforcement in the I4-storey block in the fashionable suburh of Heliopolis. Mr. Tawfiq also got 10 years. The tower collapsed to a heap of rubble, accounting for a substantial portion of the earthquake's 550 dead.

# Turkish commandos kiil 14 rebeis

TATVAN (R) — Turkish gendarme commandos killed 14 separat ist Kurdish guerrillas in a gunhattle in sontheastern Turkey, security officials said Friday. They said the hattle occurred Thursday night near the town of Cukurca after a rebel raid on a gendarmerie post near the Iraqi border. Six commandos were wounded in the battle with Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) guernillas. Turkish military posts in the southeast are favourite targets of the PKK which declared all-out war on Turkey in May. Anatolian news agency said rebels attacked eastern towns of Aralik and Igdir late Thursday. They destroyed a bridge on a road between the towns and wounded a policeman. More than 6,900 people have been killed since the group began its war for a Knrdish state in the southeast. Local reporters in the region say the PKK is expected to speed up its attacks on military and civilian targets ahead of the ninth anniversary of its campaign on Aug. 15. They said security forces had tightened controls in the southeast.

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# Visiting U.S. legislators briefed on peace process

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AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty ple King Hussein stressed the need to support the ongoing Middle Eas? peace process at a meeting here with a visiting team from the United States Congress.

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At the army headquarters it over three or Thursday, where the team listened to a briefing on the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces, the King said that efforts towards establishing stability and security in the region should receive further backing.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces Abdul Hafez Mirai A! Kaabneh was among the senior army officers artending the meeting.

The feam of congressmen met earlier with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali wno reiterated Jordan's total commitment to the Middle East peace process.

In reviewing the related developments, Dr. Majali said than Israel should negotiate directly with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) because it is the sole and legitimate represemative of the Palestinian peo-

S. Ali El Edroos of the Islamic

Republic of Pakistan and au-

thor of the "Hashemite Arab Army 1908-1979," died of

bean failure in Amman at the

Brig. El Edroos (Ret.) was

born in Hyderabad, India in

1925 and educated at Bishop

Cetton's School, Bangalore

and at the Prince of Wales

Royal Indian Military College,

Dehra Dun. His father, the

late General S. A. El Edroos

Hilal-e-Osmaoi, CIE, was

Commander of the Hyderabad

Brig. El Edroos was com-

missioned in the British Army

in 1944 and in 1948 served with

the 7th Infantry Division in the

Kashmir Campaign. He served

at the Command and Staff

College, Quetta in 1963 and in

1965 assumed command of the

14th Battalion, Frontier Force

Regiment which fought as an

armoured-infantry battalion in the Indo-Pakistani War (1965).

In 1967, Brig. El Edroos

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infantry brigade.

Dr. Majali also discussed water issues, noting that Jordan was facing water shortage problems because Israel has seized the waters of the Jordan River depriving the Kingdom of its rights.

In discussing the general situation in Jordan and the country's economy and other matters. Dr. Majali said that the Kingdom had shouldered the brunt of the Gulf crisis which adversely affected its social, economic and services seetors, noting that the situation was heightened with the return to the country by more than 300,000 Jordanian expatriates who used to work in Kuwait and other Gulf

The country's economy, added Dr. Majali, has been facing diffi culties because of the continued economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations on Iraq.

Information Minister Ma'an Abu Nowar, Mioister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad Al Anani and Minister of State for Legal Affairs Khaled Al Zoubi attended the meening.

# Abu Nowar proposes 'press code of honour'

AMMAN (Petra) - Information sion states that the Jordanian drafting a Jordanian press code of abuse of individuals or groups. honour that would later be enacted as a provision of the Jordanian Press and Publications Law and the JPA Law and be binding to all Jordanian journal-

Dr. Abu Nowar said he offered the idea first to JPA President publishing. Suleiman Al Qudah, adding that such a charter would be issued ists, writers and intellectuals.

He said the ministry of insion, which he said, will be open nal fronts, the text adds. to discussion, debate and thor-

Minister Ma'n Abu Nowar Friday press carries a noble message free said he has proposed to the Jor- of slander, defamation, calumny, dan Press Association (JPA) opportunism, hlackmail and

It also states that the Jordanian press adheres to the principles of honesty, good faith and objectivity, based on indivisible truth and commitment to obtaining information through legitimate means and verifying it before

The Jordanian newspaper should also be committed to corinitially by the JPA following recting erroneous news items, intensive and comprehensive con- editorials, columns, and comsultations with Jordanian journal-mentaries upon the request of any side harmed by their publication, or upon their choice with formation has referred to foreign the aim of enhancing the papers' and Arab press codes of honour credibility and preserving their before it arrived at its own ver- reputation on internal and exter-

It calls on the Jordanian press ough study by journalists before to defend the principles of human being approved in its final form.

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and dignity whether by refraining from publishing their personal or family problems or violating the sanctity of families.

It also urges the press to support the higher national and humanitarian interests of the Jordanian people and the King-dom's rural, municipal and civic societies in their progress, growth and development and offer services to them equally and fairly.

In its 11-point code of honour text, the ministry of information also calls on Jordanian journalists to adhere to the principles and norms of the profession by exposing any violations of them or of the code in text and spirit.

It also urges journalists to refrain from direct or indirect instigation of the public to use or threaten to use political or social violence, and to refrain from inciting others and violating moral, social or religious norms and

The journalists are called upon by the code of honour to support the sovereignty of law and to respect the independence of the judiciary, and not to side with any individual or group against other(s) in any legal case unless a verdict was issued by the court.

The journalists, the text states, are committed to honestly using their interviews by not publishing off-the-record information, whether official or private, and

are committed not to pulish state ties on the press and publications secrets, particularly those pet- law which has demarcated the taining to the Armed Forces, which might benefit "the enemy dom to publish and express their or any possible enemy of the views freely in words, pictures Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan or any sister Arab states."

The text also adds that the Jordanian journalists are commit- concerns. ted to adhering to and implementing the press and publications law in text and spirit.

They should also honestly and delicately distinguish between press material and advertising material, between news items and promotion of certain persons or objects, it adds. Dr. Abu Nowar, wbo

timacy of their duties and activi- cultural positions.

lines for their responsible freeand drawings, and on the JPA law which regulates the profession and takes care of journalsts'

He said the Jordanian press is committed to expressing thoughts and impressions, and publishing oews on national and pan-Arab issues on the basis of the National Charter as they interpret it and in accordance with their convictions regardless of their stands on any issues published.

The Jordanian press, he said, is announced the text in an inter- a nanional and free press govview with the Jordan News Agen- erned by the ethics of the profescy. Petra, said Jordan's indepen- sion and its noble humanitarian dent or political newspapers base message and its comprehensive their legitimacy on the Jordanian national responsibility since the Jordanian newspapers are nation-The mioister added that these al fora expressing political, intelpublications should base the legi- leetual, social, economic and

#### Official reiterates Japan's support of Arab stand on peace settlement and Gaza Strip. He also ooted that his visit to dan's positions on the various Petra quoted the Jordanian in education and bealth.

Brig. El Edroos dies became Colonel-Staff of an infantry division and a year later assumed command of an infantry brigade. He was posted in 1970 to East Pakistan as Chiefof-Staff, Eastern Command. In

1971, he was appointed Director of Military Training, General Headquarters, Rawalpindi and retired in 1972. From 1962 to 1976 he served in an advisory capacity at the General Headquarters of the Jordanian Armed Forces. From 1984 until his death, Brigadier El Edroos served as an

instructor at the Jordanian War College, His book oo the Hashemite Arab Army was published in 1980. He also authored "The Arab Military Personality,

which is still under publication.

as an instructor at the Pakistani Brig. El Edroos' knowledge Military Academy from 1950 of the Middle East included service in Egypt and Palestine In 1954 be graduated from the Canadian Army Staff Colin 1945 and an extensive "batlege in Ontario and was tlefield tour" from Gallipoli to appointed Brigade-Major of an the Hejaz and to the Golan Heights in the aftermath of the He was appointed instructor

1973 Ramadan War. He beld the highest of medals from the Pakistani Army, as well as the Order of Independence (Al Istiklal) decoratioo conferred on him by His

Majesty King Hussein in 1980. Brig. El Edroos is survived by two sons and two daughters. By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A senior Japanese official wound up a three-day visit to Jordan Friday after talks with senior officials here on bilateral issues as well as the 21-month-old Middle East peace process and reiterating Tokyo's support for the Arab stand that any peace settlement with Israel should be based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

Toshimori Shigie, head of the Middle East and Africa Department at the Tokyo foreign ministry, is preparing his country for the oext round of the multilateral talks which are part of the peace process, said the Japanese day.

Ambassador to Jordan Yuji IkeThe talks included "a review of

"Mr. Shigie reviewed with senior Jordanian officials the progress in the multilateral talks and familiarised bimself with Jor- Petra, reported.

issues being discussed," said the ambassador, noting that Japan was an active player in the regional discussions which involve water-sharing, refugees, economic cooperation and arms control in addition to chairing n working group on the environment. Mr. Shigie's talks here

amounted to "a general assess-ment of various issues ahead of the next round of the multilateral talks," he told the Jordan Times. Prime Mioister Abdul Salam Al Majali, who is also foreign

miniter, and Mioister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan held talks with Mr. Shigie Thurs-

the peace process and its bilateral and multilateral phases, and Japan's positive role in the process," the Jordan News Agency,

officials as reaffirming the Kingdom's commitment to the peace process "as a means to achieving a just, lasting and comprehensive. peace based oo Israel's withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and the restoration of Palestinian rights, including the right to selfdetermination.

The officials also expressed satisfaction with Jordanian-Japanese relations. Petra said. Ambassador Ikeda said Mr.

Shigie also discussed bilateral Jordanian-Japanese issues, but "not in specific terms" and that the two sides agreed to seek means to further cooperation in various fields.

Planning Minister Ziad Fariz briefed Mr. Suigie on Jordan's socio-economie programmes. The Japanese official told Petra that his government was prepared to consider assisting Jordan's programmes, particularly in toursm and the environment.

Mr. Shigie, who was visiting the ancient Nabatean city of Perra Friday, was scheduled to leave for Egypt later io the day. He will also visir Israel.

In comments carried by the local press, the Japanese official was quoted as reaffirming his country's belief that any Arab-Israeli peace settlement should be based on U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and the need for international support and encouragement for the peace

Mr. Shigie also said Japan was exerting all possible efforts and stood ready to provide the neces-sary financial and economic support in cooperation with the ioternational community to unprove the Palestinian economy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank

the Middle East comes ahead of meetings of the multilateral working committees on water and the environment in November.

Japan is believed to be envisaged as one of the key contributors to an international economic development plan, for the occupied territories. Initial plans, included in a World Bank report, call for injecting up to \$1.2 billion in international contributions into the occupied territories. The total programme is estimated to be

worth \$10 billioo. Scant information is available on the World Bank report, but sources familiar with the draft said it provides a sector-to-sector evaluation of the economy of the Palestinians in the occupied territories and recommends a bost of projects aimed at creating employment and setting up services fields.

"In geoeral terms, it also specifies a priority list of industrial production and investments," said a Palestinian source, adding that the report was now under-

going "fine-tuning."

Meanwhile according to Petra, the director of the First Middle East Division at the Japanese foreign ministry, Akio Tanaka, is expected to arrive in Amman today (Saturday) on a three-day

official visit. During his stay in the King-dom, Mr. Tanaka will hold talks with the minister of state for foreign affairs, the secretary general of Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the president of the Higher Council for Science and Technology.

The Japanese official will discuss Jordanian-Japanese cooperation in economic and other

# Government to proceed

AMMAN (Petra) - The governmeet will proceed to decentralise its administrative affairs and will further empower governors to deal with matters in their own regions, Prime Minister Abdul

Speaking at a meeting held at the Interior Ministry, Dr. Majali said that provincial governors will be authorised to take full responsibility in matters directly related to the public via consultative and executive councils in their respec-

ity in drawing up their regions' budgets with the assistance of the coosultative and executive coun-

The ministers of Planning and Finance, Ziad Fariz and Sami Gammo, outlined the main procedures to be followed in prepar-

The draft plan on decentralisation will soon be debated by the Council of Ministers, according to Interior Minister Salameh Hammad who attended the meet-

Speaking after the meeting, Mr. Hammad said the plan gives the governors the same powers of a minister in their own regions in terms of controlling the public

plementing governmentapproved projects, monitoring the work of the municipalities and approving fiscal budgets, as well as other related matters, in order to ease the pressure on the

While at the Ministry of Interior, the prime minister examined arrangements and measures takeo by the ministry in liamentary elections scheduled

According to Mr. Hammad, as of last Wednesday evening a total of 1,383 million citizens of the 1.6 million eligible to vote had reg-

# on decentralisation-Majali administratioo system, imgive the governors more author-

Salam Al Majali said Thursday.

tive regions. The meeting, which was attended by governors as well as the ministers of Planning and Finance, reviewed a draft government plan inteoded to apply the concept of decentralisation and

ing such budgets.

-central government in Amman.

for Nov. 8.

# **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

### King visits PSD, congratulates Pakistan

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday paid a visit to the Public Security Department where be met for a while with the PSD Director Maj.-Gen. Abdul Rahman Al Udwan and was briefed on the services offered by the PSD to the public. Upon arrival at the PSD the King was received by Maj.-Gen. Udwan and his assistants, the commander of the Badia and Border Posts Police Department and senior PSD officers. King Hussein Friday sent a cable to Pakistani President Wasim Sijad, congratulating him on his country's independence day and wishing him continued good bealth and bappiness and the Pakistani people further progress and

### Leaders programme reviewed with U.N. group

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Thursday discussed with a delegation from the United Nations University (UNU) a Jordanian proposal for introducing an international programme on preparation of future leaders in all professions. Dr. Majali explained the Jordanian proposal in detail, including its philosophy, objectives and financing. The delegation, which groups the former Indian minister of state for science and technology, the chief of the UNU's planning and development section and the former assistant secretary general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), will make its recommendation on the subject to the UNU board during its forthcoming session in December. Dr. Majali said he hoped that the programme would be based in Jordan, as soon as possible.

### iranian envoy presents credentiais

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talai Al Hassan Thursday received credentials of the newly-appointed Iranian ambassador to Jordan Abmad Destmalijian.

# PSD forces leave for Croatia

AMMAN — Public Security Director Maj. Gen. Abdul Rahman Al Udwan Thursday bid farewell to the second group of public security personnel to leave for Croatia to join the United Nations peace keeping forces there. Attending the farewell ceremony were senior PSD officers.

#### Housing Bank expands. services

AMMAN (Petra) - The Housing Bank has not suspended its telephone and electricity bill settlement services to citizeos, but rather has developed it, according to bank sources. The bank said it is still processing telephone and electricity bills for clients through official authorisations made by customers to the bank, allowing it to debit the amounts due from their accounts. The sources said that any person can open an account with the bank and officially authorised it to settle such bills through his/her account, thus saving the inconvenience of waiting in long lines. The sources said that so far more than 20,000 people have taken advantage of this service.

### Officiais travei to U.S. to import wheat

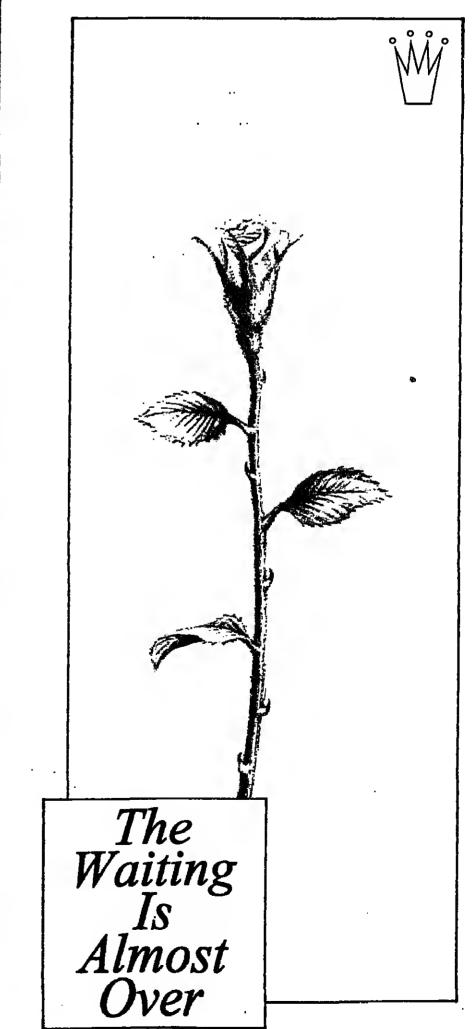
AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Supply's Secretary General Mustafa Khleifat today (Saturday) leaves for the United States at the bead of a delegation to hold talks with U.S. agriculture officials on importing American wheat. The delegation will offer a \$30 million tender for the procurement of the wheat.

## Petra exhibit held in Basei

BERN, Switzerland (Petra) - An exhibition of photos and Nabatean antiquities was recently beld at the Antikenmuseum in Basel Switzerland. Duting the Festival, supervisors delivered speeches praising the Jordanian government and the country's institutions for holding the exhibition, which will be opened until November and then moved to other Swiss cities. Representatives of Basel city, the Antikenmuseum and members of the Jordanian Embassy attended the festival. The exhibition was inaugurated under the patrooage of ber Majesty Queen Noor in Zurich last

### **UNDP** to support pollution prevention project

AMMAN (Petra) - An agreement was concluded Friday between the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Under the terms of the agreement, the UNDP would offer financial support for a project aimed at monitoring gas fumes emanating from car exhausts to be carried out by the society in cooperation with the concerned authorities.



### Engineers group numbers 30,000 AMMAN (Petra) - The number of Jordanian engineers who

were tegistered with the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) since it was established has reached 30,000, according to JEA Secretary General Hatem Bishtawi. Pointing out that the associauon includes seven engineering sections, he said, 6,063 engineers were registered with the association over the past three years. The number of engineers to join the association this year is expected to reach 2,100, he said, adding that 1,110 were registered since the beginning of the year. He noted that the JEA is considered one of the biggest associations in Jordan with its members constituting 60 per cent of association memberships in the Kingdom.

## Correction

In an article published in the Jordan Times issue of Aug. 12-13, entitled "Poll mechanism still a mystery as voters' roster about to close," the writer cited a report by the Associated Press agency in which it quoted Minister of

Nowar as saying: "There is a elear article in the Constitution that empowers the King to dissolve the Parliament and rule by decree at any time." Dr. Abu Nowar informs us that he did not in fact say that the King could "rule by decree Information Ma'an Abu at any time."

# WHAT'S GOING ON

★ Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Bishara Najjar at Eshbelia Art Gallery, Amra Shopping Centre. The paintings depict Jordanian-Palestinian beritage, Jordanian antiquities, Arab Jerusalem, rural life and natural scenery. 

Iyad Al Masri at the Royal Cultural Centre. ⇒ Exhibition of British archaeological projects in Jurdan, organised by the British Institute in Amman for Archaeology and

Ali at The Gallery, Hotel Jordan Inter. Continental.

History, at the British Council.

ceremony at 7 p.m.

Exhibition by Iraqi artists Mohammad Russein Judi and

Shawkat Al Alousi at the Royal Cultural Centre - opening

#### Centre (139 minutes). WORKSHOP

\* Workshop entitled "Theatre in Education" presented by the British expert Geoff Gilham at the New English School.

☆ Feature film entitled "Mary poppin" at 6 p.m. at the American

# JERUSALEM FESTIVAL

☆ Exhibition of paintings, posters, Palestinian costumes, books and other items on the Holy City of Jerusalem at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

in downtown Amman.

☆ Arabic poetry recital by Basel Rafai'h, Izzedin Manasrah, Habib Zayoudi, Ibrahim Nasrallah, Jamil Hatmal and Mohammad Lafi at the Scientific and Cultural Centre of Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

French film entitled "Morts Au Jardin" at 8:00 p.m. at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

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# the futility of violence

STATES EXPERIENCE of Egypt in its bid to combat terresists and clip the wings of Muslim fundamentalhits decorves affection and study for it has implications the reservices with similar problems.

The service the experience of Algeria could also be of initiality value in view of the fact that it has almost an situation as Egypt. Other countries in the word especially in the Middle East may also encounter strain internal conflicts that could threaten their

sta dity. While there is not enough documented data on the Algerian scene yet, the recent revelations by an Egyptian opposition daily, if substantiated, would shed may light on the relationship between martial law and can all panishment to which most developing countries sententialely resort whenever they face difficult

Ancording to the newspaper, Al Sha'ab, armed his eace has in fact increased since the introduction of the law "to combat terrorism" instead of the other ray around. In an effort to corroborate its conclucious, the newspaper asserted that the cycle of violence And and has increased dramatically since July of 1992 -1-72 the terrorism law took effect. In terms of "the lines. there were only 45 terrorist activities in the two means that preceded the invocation of the law whereas the number of such incidirect slays tributed to 239 in one year alone between and July of 1993.

The most questioned recently by an international in the chart its "martial law" regime and the Rights Committee, the internation-To putter judicial body charged with monitoring the the lies des of the International Covenant on Civil and Farrical Rights (ICCPR), found that Egypt was

The bigger lesson to be drawn from the Egyptian and Algerian cases, however, could be the proposition that the resort to shortcuts can never be the answer to internal conflicts, including terrorism and fundistributatism. A much more enlightened approach a. ein to be applied based on proper diagnosis of the blems at hand. Surgical counter moves on the basis \* Temergency legislation and the unrestricted applicaare of capital punishment are obviously archaic malkeds that have proven their futility time and again. Terrorism seeds to be uprooted by addressing its root CHESAS. Extremism in all its forms must likewise be ther with at an early stage in a multi-dimensional perspective. Putting to death people involved in or terrorism is not exactly the right or offerfive prescription.

The situations of Egypt and Algeria therefore need to he very carefully assessed by all states contemplating similar policies or measures.

## **ENGINE PRESS COMMENTARIES**

SAW AL SMAAB daily urged the Palestinian people to abort second attempts to sow dissension among Palestimans and said the landstinians have no alternative but to close their ranks and remain steadfast. The paper said that the Israeli prime minister had a simed that Israel will not hold contacts with the Palestinian people living outside the occupied territories, including the PLO, and regards Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel. By This Mr. Paris is trying to create differences among the Palestinian riegotiators and their PLO leadership, said the paper. It goes without saying that both the negotiators and the PLO leaders are in agreement on the return of Arab Jerusalem to Arab Sovereignty ... serve as the capital of a liberated Palestinian state, since for the Pairstinians. Jerusalem is an integral part of the occupied West Bank, added the paper. It is regrettable to see the Pale maian negotiators at odds with the PLO leadership as difficulties can only encourage Israel to try to tamper with the Palestinian unity and create trouble for the Palestinians at the petit negotiations, the paper said. It is indeed sad to see the negotiators and the PLO leadership still unable to settle their difficiences and bridge the gap and divergent views about negotiating of the peace talks, it added.

The paper warned that should these divisions continue, they are

bound to cause harm to the whole Palestinian cause.

A GUEST columnist in Al Ra'i daily drew attention to the fact that mile the residents of Amman practise freely their right to vote in parliamentary elections, they are deprived of the right to vote it municipal elections. Dr. Zeid Hamzeh, who is also a former he is a minister, said that numerous pretexts were given in the confined enying the Amman residents the right to elect their is a marcil like the other municipalities in Jordan. The 11:01 20 years have passed during which the Ammanites sixed of the right to vote and elect their municipal and the process of appointing municipal council members ed us facility as successive councils failed to live up to the partial a expectations. Nearly half of the population of Jordan live in a remain, at its residents are deprived of the right to elect who really care about the needs of third districts, added " ..er, t . Nayor of Amman and his countil have been appointed over the years by Jordan's successive governments ar any consultations with the Amman residents who realise blems to ting their city more than others, said the writer. New that Jordan is living in a democracy, said the writer, it is new partie for this state of affairs to continue, and, he said, the person of Amm. should move ahead and demand their right to elect their own ...unicipal council.

Jordanian Perspective

# Palestinians clean act one in peace process

THE REJECTION by the PLO Executive Committee of the resignations of three senior members of the Palestinian delegation to peace talks with Israel signals a new phase in the 21-month Middle East peace process. Indeed, the new phase implies Israel dropping the veil it has been throwing over its clandestine contacts with the PLO in Colarado, Paris, Sweden, Norway, Romania and, most recently closer to the Middle East, in Cairo.

For many analysts, an open contact between the Israeli government and the PLO means an eventual resumption of the suspended dialogue between the Tunis-based organisation and Washington.

Seen from within the Jordanian approach to the peace process and the political intricacies that surround it, this is a welcome development since direct PLO involvement in the Israeli-Palestinian track of negotiations has been one of Amman's objectives since the peace process was launched in Madrid in October 1991.

Notwithstanding the immediate repercussions, positive or negative, of the latest upheaval in Palestinian ranks, one has to look at what prompted it and what were the roles of the various players in the affair.

The questions that have to be asked include: What was the real root of the crisis that led an open rift between the PLO leadership and delegation leaders Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erakat? What was the Egyptian role in the affair, a role that Foreign Minister Amr Musa denied with such vehemence that it was too strong a denial to be believed? What sort of influence did Haidar Abdul Shafi exercise through his two letters addressed to the Palestinian people? What were the personal ambitions that played a key role in formulating a policy that is crucial to the genuine interests of the Palestinian people? Many analysts believe that tension between the PLO leadership

and the delegates started to build starting with October, 1991, when a parallel Palestinian delegation appeared to assume the role of a watchdog over the delegates who attended the peace conference in the Spanish capital. The team stayed at the Spanish Fox 400 Hotel and had direct satellite communications with PLO Chairman Arafat, apparently giving him a hlow-to-blow account of what was going on inside the conference halls and outside. The Palestinian delegation to the conference was ensconced in Vittoria Grande Hotel in Madrid, with no direct, uninterrupted access to the "khetiar."

Mr. Arafat's advisor Nabil Shaath, who headed the watchdog team, was described as the maestro of the Palestinian political orchestra while Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO Executive Committee who played a key role in formulating the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee, was called the architect of future relations between Jordanians and Palestinians."

No doubt, the actual Palestinian delegates to the conference did not have a chance to express their frustration over being told in blunt terms to behave in a so-and-so-manner and speak so-and-so words in Madrid since it was too much of a media circus out there in the Spanish capital; and what mattered most was the euphoria over the "historic" occasion when the Israelis and Arabs sat together on a table.

By all counts, the four or five days that the Palestinian delegates spent in Madrid were too short a time to go beyond the ceremonial trimmings of the conference, which seemed to be addressing millions of television viewers around the world rather than the parties directly involved in the conflict.

In any event, frustration continued to huild among the Palestinian delegates as it became clear that they were somehow relegated to the position of having to take orders from the PLO with little effective means to make their own views and voices heard. They were caught in a situation where they had to make announcements of decisions which ran contrary to the very wishes of the constituency they represented: the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

Very visibly, the influence of the PLO had started to wane in the occupied territories, particularly among the youth, who felt that their sacrifices and continued struggle against the Israeli occupiers led to nothing tangible in terms of ending their ordeal under occupation. Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister who had attended the Madrid conference with all the appearances of a sincere Israeli wish to resolve the basic Middle East conflict, dealt a severe blow to the peace process when he announced after his defeat in June 1992 general elections that he bad always planned

to prolong the negotiation for I0 or more years while be sought to normalise relations with the non-Palestinian Arah parties to the

Many members of the dominant Fatch group led by Mr. Arafat were so disillusioned with Mr. Shamir's proclamation that they left the group in disgust and joined the Islamic resistance movement Hamas since there was no guarantee that Mr. Shamir's

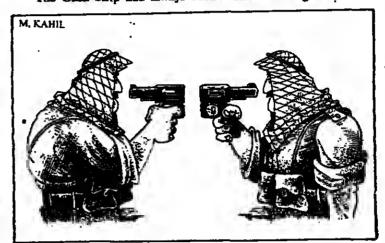
successor Yitzhak Rabin had any different ideas:

The desertion in the ranks of Fatch was very visible in June
1993, when Hamas defeated Fatch in many professional and student elections in Nablus, Ramallah and Jenin. Elections in Hebron were postponed when Fatch registered some 200 labourers as students and paid up to JD 1,000 each as their tuition fee.

The desperation of Fatch was clear, particularly that it had decided to spend such a sum of money at a time the PLO was finding itself cornered and forced to curtail spending in education, health and welfare for Palestinians in the occupied territories. All said and done, the Palestinian ranks in the occupied West

Bank seem to be evenly split between Fatch and Hamas compared with 80 per cent for Fatch some time ago.

The Gaza Strip had always been a Hamas stronghold.



The losing grip of the mainstream PLO in the occupied territories reflected on the peace delegates who were forced to face daily and directly the new aggressive move of the Palestinian street in the occupied lands. They were much safer in the luxury of five-star hotels in safe Arab capitals and Washington.

What added sait to the wounds was the reports from Tunis of financial improprieties as well as Stalinist-type decision-making within the PLO. Mr. Arafat's sudden outbursts of anger at the delegates during deliberations on whether to attend the ninth round of talks in April hammered bome the point that the delegates were just figures who had no choice but to follow

The sacrosanct image of a PLO leadership cracked further when Abbas Zaki joined Sakhr Habash and Mohammad Ghoneim in denouncing the suffocating centralisation of power. All those factors had a major influence among the peace

delegates, who also realised that they stood no chance of convincing the Palestinians in the occupied territories - despite their own convictions to the contrary — that cantonisation was a national substitute for liberation. The map of Palestine, if the Tunis version of a solution were allowed sway, would resemble a leopard's skin with black and white Israeli settlements and Arab villages separate from each other.

It is this factor which made Dr. Abdul Shafi call for a collective leadership of the PLO and democratic reforms as well as a total revision of the Palestinian decision-making. That also explains why Dr. Abdul Shafi, regardless of all arguments related to immediate points in the peace talks, demanded that the peace process be suspended. The PLO had lost so much support in the occupied territories by then that none of the delegates could even dream of arguing that they were following orders from the PLO, which is theoretically the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, within and outside the occupied territories.

Dr. Abdul Shafi saw no point in participating in the multilateral negotiations since, in his own words the regional talks amounted

to a short-cut to normalisation of relations between Israel and the Arab states while the Palestinian cause languished somewhere in the corridors of Washington and the streets of the West Bank and

In one of his public letters to the Palestinian masses, the respected physican from Gaza called "the rearrangement and reorganisation of our homes before engaging ourselves with other

It was the reflection of a realisation that Palestinian blood would flow in the streets of Palestine if the Gaza-first option was exercised, as the PLO showed every intention to accept the Israeli-inspired proposal without going through the much-needed exercise of sounding out the Palestinian masses through dialogue.
Such a dialogue will obviate any chance of Hamas-Fateb clashes in the Gaza Strip if, for some miracle, Israel were to withdraw its

military forces from the Strip. The addition of Jericho to the Gaza-first option is too insignificant to appease West Bankers, who no longer attach much importance to Mr. Arafat, who has been reported as saying that he would be in as much control of Palestinian affairs while reigning from Gaza and Jericho as he was when he was in Al Fakhani and controlled events in Lebanon before the Israeli

invasion of 1992 ended his supremacy there. This perspective of Mr. Arafat made the PLO leadership in Tunis appear much more moderate and conciliatory than the peace delegates themselves in a unique anomaly in any political development in the Middle East.

Though it is positive to have a new PLO department to be entrusted with the task of handling the peace delegation, the questions that remain unaddressed is how the PLO is going to recoup its political losses in the occupied territories.

Mr. Rabin, riding on what Israel portrays as the success of its "operation accountability" in Lebanon, is in a better position to start a dialogue with the PLO. If Washington follows suit, as is expected in a scenario along this line of thinking, we might find a more stable track of negotiations to carry Palestinian aspirations. Perhaps, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher could even be credited with sparking, wittingly or unwittingly, a chain of

events that eventually leads to cleaning the Palestinian air.

In the final analysis, however, the net outcome of the entire political exercises, including the negotiations, will depend on the Israeli state of mind to make the concessions necessary to bring peace to the region.

Parallel to the Palestinian political developments, Egypt is uneasy now. Signs are emerging that Cairo was more interested in facilitating agreements between Israel and Syria and Lebanon, leaving the Palestinians out in the cold with half-cooked solutions which could only foster dissent and disarray on the Israeli-Palestinian track of negotiations. Seen from Cairo, any revamping of the Palestinian scene

towards a coherant position supported by the Palestinian street could be detrimental to its interest, given the fact that Egypt is trying to assume the role of an undisputed regional power which could make or break Arab politics and consolidate its self-styled posture as the only power able to deliver the Palestinians.

The vebemence with which Mr. Musa denied reports that Cairo played a key role in conveying ideas and position papers between the PLO and the U.S. can be nothing but a reflection of the alarm that Cairo felt over the course of events on the Palestinian scene.

On the hand, Cairo wants to reinforce its position with Washington as a strong lever to pry Palestinians from firm positions. On the other, it does not want to be seen as having leaned on the Palestinians to accept U.S.-Israeli prescribed solutions. It is a very delicate rope-trick, and given the realities on the ground today, the PLO leadership has to entertain the Egyptian overtures and try to block an explosion of the whole

thing on its face.

Within the Palestinian context, bowever, the resignations of Mr. Husseini, Dr. Ashrawi and Dr. Erakat appear to have served the first objective — of hammering home the inevitability of talks acceptable to the Palestinian street. It is too early to say whether the PLO leadership is mentally disposed to seek such a strategy, which, no doubt, will add a totally new concept to the peace process and scramble the scenario Israel has been trying to build since Madrid.

THE WEEK IN PRINT

# Differences do not serve Palestinian cause

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

The local press last week gave prominence to the differences be-tween the PLO leadership and the Palestinian negotiating team, the stalled Middle East process, prospects for reconciling Arab states and a host of domestic affairs. The recent row within the Palestinian echelon clearly indi-cates that there is something seriously wrong and the crisis was just a symptom, according to Mahmoud Rimawi a columnist in

Al Ra'i newspaper.
It seems, said the writer, that divergent views exist between the PLO leadership living outside the occupied Arab territories and the freedom fighters inside over the

The writer said there is no alternative to closing the Palesti-nian ranks in the face of Israel's serious challenges since differences can by no means serve the Palesti-

Rimawi's advice was echoed by another Al Ra'i columnist, Tareq Masarweh, who said that the PLO leadership should by no means be weakened. The writer said that the Palestinians should be alert to Israel's serious plots against them and close their ranks and avert a repetition of the differences that were discussed lately in Tunis.

The writer said that the Palesti-

nian negotiators have acted wisely by resorting to consultation with the leadership in Tunis on the next step in the peace negotiations.
A columnist in Sawt Al Shaeb daily said that the recent differences among the Palestinians stemmed from the fact that the PLO leadership lacked democracy. Salameh Ekour said that since th end of the Gulf crisis the PLO leadership has been facing diffi-culties and serious challenges due to influences from other Arab states and foreign nations which caused breaches in the Palestinian

Therefore, the leadership should not remain subject to the decision of one man and should open the door for other parties' views so that the decisions can commit all factions and the peace negotiators.

Al Dustour daily discussed the seace process, noting that while the Arab parties have displayed com-minment to the peace, Israeli bull-dozers are speeding up the construction of settlements around Jerusalem with the purpose of im-posing a de facto situation on the Arabs and prevent the imple-mentation of U.N. resolutions.

While the peace process is achieving nothing in the way of a settlement, the Israelis are achieving their own ambitions and are allowed to continue to occupy Arab territories taken for more than 25 years, said the daily. It said the construction of settlements clearly indicates that the Rabin government is totally disregarding any peace negotiations with the Arabs and the Palestinians over

Commenting on the successe of a recent tour of the Middle East by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, a columnist in Al Dustour said that the Israelis and arriving at separate peace formulas with individual parties and there-fore they have no chance of attaining a settlement acceptable to the

Taher Al Udwan said that Mr. Christopher might have reached agreements with the Arabs to resume the peace process, but it was clear that he and Mr. Rabin were over-optimistic about reaching a separate deal with Syria and one with the Palestinians.

Indeed, said the writer, the

U.S.-Israeli alliance is out to force the Palestinians to accept partial agreements and in order to achieve that goal this alliance is trying to peddle the idea of concluding a

separate agreement with Syria. He said the neither the Palestinians nor the other Arab parties to the peace process would ever agree to separate deals.

Referring to the settlement process in occupied Palestine, a col-amnist in Al Dustour called on the Palestinians to patch up their dif-ferences and expose Israel's current attempts to speed up the construction of Jewish settlements in Jerusalem.

The writer, Mohammad Kawash, said that Israel is trying to isolate the status of Jerusalem from the rest of the discussions over the occupied land. He said that the bulldozers are working fast in Jeru-salem while the Palestinians are undecided yet over the next move

at the peace negotiations.

Mazen Hammad, a columnist in
Al Dustour, voiced apprehension
over the outcome of Mr. Christopher's tour of the region which, he said, came in the afterment of the intest Israeli aggression on

The writer noted that statements coming out from Washington indicate that Mr. Christopher has succeeded in making progress along the Israeli-Lebanese and Israeli-Syrian tracks.

At the same time, and to prove that Mr. Christopher was trying to find separate peace formulas, the U.S. secretary of state failed, in his statements during the tour, to mention that the peace process was based on U.N. resolutions, rather he gave threatening statements ab-out what could happen or how Israel could act in the future in the absence of a settlement imposed by the U.S.-Israeli alliance.

Commenting on His Rayal High-meas Crown Prince Hassen's visit to Quter, Abdul Rahim Omar, a col-umnist in Al Ra'i daily, said that the visit paved the ground for reconciliation among Arab states. In the current, crucial situation, there can be no alternative to reconciliation and Arab solidarity, said the writer.

Al Dustour hailed the visit as a courageous step aimed at restoring normal relations among the Arab countries. Quar and Jordan have now transcended the elements that had marred Arab-Arab relations during the Gulf crisis and have opened a new chapter in their cooperation that would serve as an example for the other Arab states.

We look with real optimism to the outcome and future develop-ments resulting from Prince Has-san's visit to Oatar, said Mahmoud Rimawi, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily. Qatar, which has restored diplomatic relations with Iraq after the Gulf crisis, is taking steps towards reestablishing solidarity among Arab states at the political and economic levels, said the wri-

He said that Jordan and Oatar have always maintained strong ties of brotherly cooperation and the Prince's visit was bound to enhance such a relationship.

A columnist in Al Ra'i criticised the Telecommunications Corpora-tion (TCC) for abandoning a sys-tem by which subscribers to the telephone service can pay their dues through Jordanian banks. Nazih said that subscribers are

finding it increasingly difficult to pay their bills now and their delay in settling these bills has been the cause of many disruptions of telephone services to their homes and

Salameh Ekour, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaab, defended the government's decision to disvolve Parliament in the face of continued attacks on this move by a number of political groups from the left. of political groups from the left and

The writer said that it is strange

The writer said that it is strange to see these groups agreeing on criticising the government about something it considers as a constitutional right, while they fail to come to a single agreement on other matters of real concern to the public, fike unemployment.

Another columnist. Saleh Al Qallab, said that His Majesty King Hussein and the government have the constitutional right to dissolve Parliament. The columnist, who writes for Al Dustour, said that the current debate and the criticism of the government's move to dissolve Parliament was only a symptom of a healthy democracy in Jordan. a healthy democracy in Jordan.

One must accept the views of others and a dialogue is necessary over issues of public interest as these are normal matters in a

democracy, said Qallab.

A columnist in Al Dustour called on the Audit Bureau and the newly established Bureau of Administrative Control and Inspection to examine the case of furnishing sovernment offices.

Abmad Shaker said that while head offices of a number of govemment departments have sufficient supplies of offices, space and equipment, others, like those in the provinces, or branch offices around the capital, lack the minimum requirements for office work and the furniture is in a miscrable state. The writer said that certain offices are furnished with imported pieces of furniture costing the state

# **LETTERS**

# Selective exposure?

IN HER report entitled "Arab buman rights group demands resignation of administrative committee" published in the Tucsday, Aug. 10 issue of the Jordan Times, Ms. Sa'eda Kilani parted with journalistic impartiality and chose to twist facts through the exercise of selective exposure and coverage.

To start with, Ms. Kilani attended the meeting as a member of the General Assembly of Arab Organisation of Human Rights (AOHR) and not as a journalist, since no journalists were invited or allowed to attend.

The meeting was an extraordinary general assembly of AOHR-and not a rally or a public meeting or event. In this respect, nobody was authorised to report on the meeting on its proceedings. Moreover, Ms. Kilani neither sought permission nor was she granted one by the committee of the chairman to report on the

Second, the report is full of mistakes and it attributes acts and decisions to the administrative committee of the general assemhly. In addition, she misquoted some members.

Moreover, if the sentiments of Ms. Kilani were with Mr. Leith. Shbeilat or a particular party or group, then this should have not affected ber impartial reporting, assuming she was authorised to

Any reader of Ms. Kilani's report would have thought that the extraordinary session was beld with a view to impeaching the administrative committee. This is not true because this was not on the agenda. In extraordinary sessions, agendas do not change-The call for the extraordinary session had come from Mr. Shbeilat who complained to the general assembly in its ordinary session held on May 25 that Al Nafeer case (in which he and Deputy Yaqouh Qarrash were accused) did not attract the attention it deserved from AOHR.

The general assembly agreed at the time to the request of Mr. Shbeilat to hold an extraordinary session in two months time to discuss Al Nafeer case.

The first invitation attracted no support and, thus, achieved no quorum. According to the law, another invitation had to be issued within two weeks and it would be legal irrespective of the number attending. The attendees were a mere 29 members besides seven committee members, which would have made the majority vote 19 votes on which Ms. Kilani seemed to base all her analysis. The general assembly of AOHR has around 300 members

among them 154 with voting right since they paid their subscrip-Ms. Kilani failed to refer to something that was frequently stressed by many members which is that the issues of human rights are indivisible and that people, including Mr. Shbeilat, cannot and should not be selective in the exposure of cases of human rights violations as it pleases them or as they may see belitting to

Arab Organisation for Human Rights, Jordan Branch,

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a Victory Day parade in Moscow (file photo)

# Venezuelan deaths in storm show Third World woes

By Gary Regenstreif Reuter

CARACAS - In the Third World, where the poor live precartously and urban planning is largely an abstraction, a tropical storm with one third the strength of hurricane Andrew can be 10

When Andrew struck the U.S. southeast a year ago with its 250 kph winds, only 17 lives were lost, after Floridians conducted what may have been the largest peacetime evacuation in U.S. his-

This weekend, after tropical storm Bret hit the Veoezuelan capital with relatively tame winds of 70 kpb, ramshackle dwellings perched above one another collapsed in deadly landslides. By Monday, rescue teams had already pulled out 95 bodies.

Clues to the weekend deaths can be found in a series of woes common to the Third World, including inadequate safety warnings, poor urban planning and dangerous living cunditions among the poor.

In Venezuela, thousands of slumdwellers live in rickety "ranchos" made of tin, plastic and concrete, many perehed oo mountainsides and built in recent decades as immigration swelled

and the cost of living soared. Running water is scarce and electricity is usually stolen from the power lines.

When Bret hit, it ripped roofs from houses, sent others tumbling, toppled trees and eveo knocked over concrete walls around Caracas before heading towards Colombia. As reseue crews picked

through rubble and mud for victims, officials scrambled to prevent disease and to accommodate thousands left homeless.

The stark difference between the Venezuelan capital's densely populated mountainsides and the lands may in part explain the dramatic disparity in the death

Three days before Andrew roared into Florida last August 24, more than a million people had been told to flee and local media broadcast virtually nonstop reports on harricane preparedness for the weekend before the storm.

Andrew skirted the major metropolitan areas and struck southern Dade County, a flat area of relatively sparsely populated sub-

urbs and small towns. While it caused more than \$20 billion worth of damage and destroyed thousands of homes, it

caused relatively few casualties. A year later and about 2,000 kilometres south, Bret left a far higher tolt in its wake after it swept onto the Venezuelan main-

land from the Caribbean. The governor of Caracas and weather forecasters initially predicted that the force felt in the capital would be minimal and urged residents to stay home and keep windows open in case wind or flying dehris smashed glass.

late Saturday, the storm lashed Caracas with its winds and torrential rains began loosening the earth under the slums ringing the capital.

By then it was too late. In the early hours of Sunday, Bret ripped through the shanty-

Heavy rains every year pitch slum dwellings down mountain slopes, since their crude construction makes it difficult to anchor them down.

'Every time there is a heavy rain there is a chance some of these shacks could fall," Caracas Civil Defence Director Rafael Chacon said in an interview on Monday,

The government bas tried to move them out but without much success, due to a scarcity of a oil sales — Venezuela's primary

And despite the continued danger in the slum areas, some homeless tried on Monday to

"Many people refuse to be moved. Until oow we have used said. Caracas Moyor Aristobulo allow the number of dead to



Rescue workers search rubble Aug. 9, one day after tropical storm Bret hit the heavily-populated hillsides surrounding the

# Russian veterans remember largest tank battles in history

By David Ljunggren Reuter

ever the reside: BELGOROD, Russia - Fifty years on and the gently sloping grain fields of southern Russia nian strategring, are still disgorging their memenet. if is too cair toes of war — shattered bones,

> Small groups of veterans watch combine harvesters chug peaceshort summer month in 1943, were ripped apart as Germany and the former Soviet Union fought the largest tank hattle in

The German side lost 2,900 tanks, the Red Army 2,000. "The sky turned red and black. You couldn't see more than 150 metres ahead. You couldn't even see the sun," said Sergeant Sergei

"People, tanks and animals were all buroing — the stench was atrocious. Tanks were crashing into each other left, right and centre. We just lay there,

watching steel clash with steel." Adolf Hitler had planned to wipe out a humiliating defeat at Stalingrad by encircling and destroying Sovier armies concentrated in a salient near the southern town of Kursk.

The German troops were to be spearheaded by colossal columns of armour, including the new heavy Panther and Tiger

The Red Army, all too aware of the threat, dug a formidable series of defences and poured tanks into the salient.

Hitler confessed to his senior generals that the plan - "operation citadel" - made his stomach churn but nevertheless gave the order to anack on July 5.

We were sitting around that morning when the shells started flying. We were all sure we'd said Nikolai Ozhedayev. driver of a T-34 tank, the work-

horse of the Red Army. 'Inside the tank you could see virtually nothing. We were dressed in thick linen overalls," said Mr. Ozhedayev, who like most

a ventilation system in the turret. but it was little use against the fumes, gas and smoke." The fighting peaked on July 12,

'It was incredibly hot. We had

members of the tank crews, was

permanently half-deafened by the

noise of hanle.

when 500 German and 700 Soviet tanks clashed head-on in fields iust outside the village of On the hanleground, tanks

swarmed around each other looking for the chance to slam shells into the lightly-protected sides and rear of their opponents.

"There were tanks hurning everywhere at Prokhorovka, said intelligence Captain Boris Monakhov, who, like the few remaining veterans of the elash, still seemed faintly surprised that he had avoided the common tankman's fate of being hurned

One T-34 was hit and the crew bailed out, only to see a Tiger bearing down on them. The engineer jumped hack into the blazing T-34 and rammed it into the Tiger, blowing both tanks to

smithereens," he said. The veterans gathering together in Belgorod - some 720 km southwest of Moscow - in early August to officially mark the end of the hattle for Kursk had little idea at the time of the

magnitude of the fighting. "No ooe really knew what was oing on or where our lines were. It was so loud you couldn't hear a

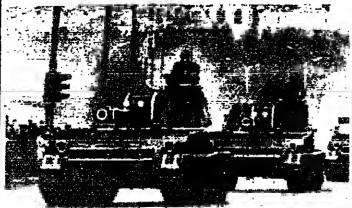
thing," said Mr. Chezhov.
"One minute you were standing next to someone, the next they'd gone, leaving only a few bloody shreds of flesh behind. By the end of the first day at Prokhorovka both sides had lost

around 300 tanks each. 'We had to spend three days at a time in the tank during the battles — you didn't dare leave." said wireless operator Yevgeny

Trapnikov. The last red army line of defence were the anti-tank guns, whose crew had very short life

expectancies.

"During a battle like that your



Mobile artillery pieces rumble along the Moscow River during

source of income --- has dropped about 20 per cent io dollar terms in the past three years.

return to the landslide sites. Isturiz, himself a product of the rise."

place to put them or funds since eity's impoverished districts. warned them to stay away for fear ground loosened by the storm could still give way.

> only persuasion," Mr. Isturiz "Painfully, we will have to use force because we will not



Venezuelan capital (AFP photo)

# hair stood up on end, for hours to hand and fired," he said. and hours," said anti-tank gunner

which had no hope of penetrating the front armour of the German tanks," he said. "If you fired too early it inevitably spelled the end. We covered the gun in branches and leaves and just waited."

During the Prokhorovka hattle tiently until a Tiger tank was just 20 metres away.

We hit the tracks and managed to disable the tank. As the crew scrambled out we finished them off with a machine gun." Intelligence officer Vasily Petukhov, scrambling into a disabled T-34 to investigate what was wrong with it, saw to his horror that a German fighterbomber was closing in for the kill.

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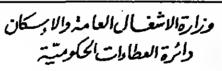
and hours, "said anti-tank gunner "There was a huge explosion Gerasim Drohyazky. "We had a small 57mm gun" had dropped a bomb. Then we smelled aviation spirit and realised we'd actually shot it down."

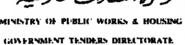
The Red Army hung on grimly, regrouped its forces and launched a series of powerful counterattacks in early August.

The Germans, shattered by the launched a major assault against the Russians

Just under two years later Soviet troops were locked in savage hand-to-hand combat in the ruins of Berlin Which belped speed the war to its close. Mr. Drobyazky was there,

somehow having survived the fighting aeross Europe, hut almost dismissed the memory. mber was closing in for the kill.
"Kursk was by far the worst of
"We swung the turret towards all the hattles," be said with a







## INVITATION FOR TENDER NO. (129/93) CENTRAL

International firms, specialised in telecommunications, who are interested to perticipate in this tender, are requested to contact the Government Tenders Directorate, at the Ministry of Public Works and Housing to receive tenders documents starting from (14/8/1993) and in accordance with the following lerms:

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- Digital Iransmission equipment

- Local Line plant for Tla'Al-Ali area

- Supply only of local line plant materials for Dabooq, Bader & Bassah.

The project will be implemented, on one project basis, by one main contractor.

The project does not have financing sources. Tharefore, tenderers have to submit financial offers covering all costs of the project. Tenders which are not including financial offers will be rejected. The main contractor shall use local sub-contractors to

implement the installation of the local plants and the civil works of towers. 5. Price of one copy of the tender documents, JD1,000,

non-refundable. Last date for purchasing the tender is Oct. 30, 1993.

Offers shall be submitted to the Government Directo-

rate before 1300 hours local time, on Saturday Nov. 13,

Chairman, General Tender Committee **Government Tenders Directorate** Eng. Basheer Al Jaghbeer

# A need for reform in Jordanian-Pakistani ties

By Dr. S. Farooq Hasnat

IT IS mainly because of the inherent basis of the creation of Pakistan that such Arab/Muslim causes as the Palestinian struggle and the like have been supported with consistent conviction. In this context, it may be recalled that Pakistan was one of only two nations (the other being the United Kingdom) that formally acknowledged the unity between the two banks of Jordan in April

Since its independence, Aug. 14, 1947, Pakistan strictly main-tains that it would not grant recognition — directly or indirectly to Israel till the establishment of an independent and sovereign state of Palestine. The people of Pakistan perceive that any gesture of flexibility towards the Israelis during the delicate phase of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations would be no less than a signal of encouragement to the occupier of the Arab lands. It is widely believed amongst those who are well versed with the sentiments of the masses that Pakistan should be the last country to recognise Israel, and that also in consultation with such brotherly allies as Jordan. As testified by history, the Pakistanis have rejected a course of convenience or double-play, whenever it came to the basic interests of the Arab/Muslim societies.

The rationale of Pakistan's close ties with the Arabs and the Muslim communities of other lands goes well back in history, especially to those circumstances that contributed towards the establishmeot of Pakistan. Islam was introduced in the area by a young 17-year-old Arab commander - Mohammad Bin Qasim in 711 A.D. The Arab forces under his command liberated the Sindh province and the southern Punjab of the present day Pakistan, while the Mughals (1206 to 1857) had come from the Fargana Valley in present Uzbekistan.

Pakistanis have always viewed the Hashemite rulers and the Jordanian people with esteem and trust. The Kingdom has fairly developed institutions, relying mostly on its educated and welltrained manpower. Pakistan has also looked with admiration to Jordan as it came out with distinction from various crises. A Pakis-tani Brigadier, Ali Al Edroos in his book "The Hashemite Arab Army, 1908-1979", while describ-

ing King Abdullah Bin Hussein, pays tribute to the Hashemite rulers io general when he writes that the "largeness of mind, which along with ,..tolerance of humanity, genuioe democratic spirit and underlying sense of humour distinguish the King from the narrow, fanatical, insincere and pettifogging minds of a cer-tain class of politicians and selfmade leaders...'

The Jordanian policy of concludiog secure ties with such Muslim countries as Pakistan can be explained by the identity of beliefs of both the nations oo matters of regional and international interest. "We bave strong and concrete affiliations which are based on our common faith. We also appreciate what Pakistan did to belp organise the Jordanian forces," has said King Hussein about Pakistan on Oct. 4, 1987. This bears testimony to the fact that the two nations, though separated by geography, have re-mained attached to each other in the most difficult phases of their respective histories. Earlier, on Nov. 13, 1966, the King had made similar remarks when be said that be would never forget the Pakistani position adopted for the Islamic and Arah causes.

Pakistan bolds Jordan's sovereignty and well-being as a prime priority io its policy projections and the same is true about Jordan's sectiments towards Pakistan. The mutual appreciation has been tested thoroughly through various stages of regional challenges. Jordan's six Air Force F-104s were placed at the disposal of its Pakistani counterpart during the hour of trial in December 1971. This generous demonstration of brotherhood is highly appreciated by the Pakistani people of all shades of public life,

By refusing to grant recogni-tion to Israel and by supporting the legitimate Muslim causes, as the struggle of the Bosnian Muslims, and by taking a solid stance in favour of the people of Afghanistan io their long struggle for independence from the Soviet Union, it has been established that the Pakistani foreign policy proceeds to contribute towards the unity and prosperity of the Muslim societies,

The Jordanian government and people provided active support and assistance to the Afghan struggle, within the framework of the United Nations and other

relevant forums. In recent times developments in the Middle Eas we note a remarkable similarity of perspective regarding the Bosnian situation and a common stance was adopted by the two oations in respect of accepting a sizable number of refugees from the emhattled land.

Jordan and Pakistan cootinue to be active members of the Organisation of Islamie Confer- be done. On Jan. 24, 1993, ence (OIC) as there exists a common perception regarding was signed between the parties i the importance of this organisation in the present day global

Pakistan, being a fouoder member of the Economic Coop-eration Organisation (ECO), which apart from Pakistan comprises Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, the five Muslim Ceotral Asian Republics and Azerbaijan, can play its part to establish more solid Jordanian linkage towards the ECO members as in conformity with the national interests of Jordan. This is in view of the fact that the Jordanian leadership's prudence has conceived the relevance of the new emerging Central Asian region in upcoming world arrangements. The weaker link in relations

between Jordan and Pakistan prevails in trade and sociocultural fields. There are common aspirations of the two nations in granting assistance to each other during times of threat to their respective territorial sovercienty.

There is a unanimity of view in the literature of cooperation amongst oations that trade is the beginner in solidifying the ties between two or more societies. Security and defence arrangements are considered to be the last and the most difficult aspect of collaborarioo that can be achieved between any two or more nations. But in the case of Pakistan and Jordan the opposite seems to be true. Economie exchange should be giveo more support so that a genuine halance is maintained in the totality of the relationship. Reliance oo a routine type exchange of good gestures and living in the shadow of past achievements would not be enough to sustain normal relationship patterns in the rapidly changing global circumstances. Moreover, the 1950s and 1960s style of diplomacy from the Pakistani side has to be thorough-

ern regioo are concerned. Bot sides should be alert to the de mands of the approaching oc century and help establish a si cure comprehension of their n spective societies. In order to redress some imb:

lances in the relationship betwee the two countries much needs t memorandum of understanding which two joint vectures wer announced, based on Jordan most lucrative phosphate expo product. It was agreed that phosphate acid plant would be se up jointly io Jordan and a fertili er plant, based on the finishe product from the Jordanian side would be established to Pakistar Apart from that, it was recent announced that Pakistan would buy a large quantity of phosphal from Jordan thus enhancing to existent volume of import. The accomplishment of the joint pre ject would certainly give incer ove for ventures in other fields ( activity. Its success largely de pends upon the removal of re tape and bottlenecks from th Pakistani bureaucratie side. I such projects, the main problet lies in the absence of a system of compliance. A high power con mittee needs to be established. It job should be to assess periodica ly the progress and report to th respective highest decision

making authorities. Pakistan must recognise the Jordan would prefer to break th barrier of trade monopoly estal tished by few international con sumers of phosphate. Sovereig nations are naturally shy to di peod on one or two sources an would prefer to expand their er port market. Monopolies at dangerous as it ultimately lead towards political blackmail an

The way Jordan and Pakista view themselves and each other makes it easier for both countrie to establish ties - not on th basis of temporary convenienc hut on much more solid founds

The author, a professor of politic al science at the University of th Punjab, Lahore, is currentle working with the Centre fa Strategic Studies at the Univers ty of Jordan. He cootributed the ly readjusted where the recent article to the Jordan Times.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

# The Jordan Ice & Aerated Water Company Ltd.,

The sole franchisee of Pepsi cola International in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, has resumed its production and distribution of Pepsi, Mirinda, Seven Up, Diet Pepsi and Diet Seven Up in

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# Japan grapples with dollar approaching one hundred yen

TOKYO (AFP) - The Japanese currency's advance to the symbolic level of 100 yen to the dollar is forcing companies to adjust and consumers to demand some of the benefits as the government calls on other countries to inter-

In a foreign exchange market dominated by speculations, the dollar fell below 102 yen for the first time ever Friday, after dropping below 103 yen Thursday. It dipped to a new all-time low of 101.80 before finishing the week

The dollar's slide towards 100 yen is already a reality for tourists as this is the rate now being charged at airports, major hotels and duty-free shops.

Alarmed by the dangers the yea's appreciation poses for the Japanese economy's already fragile recovery, the Bank of Japan is intervening daily in the market, though with little success.

On Friday Finance Minister Hironisa Fujii repeated Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's call the previous day for joint intervention by Group of Seven countries to stop speculation in the market.

A special meeting of Japanese ministers responsible for economic policy has been set for next Tnursday. Mr. Fujü told a news conference: "We will contact other nations and respond timely and appropriately.

But traders are betting that Japan's partners will not respond to any requests, since they view the Japanese currency's strength as a means of reducing japan's enormous external surpluses over the long term.

Indeed, as a result of a further increase in Japan's surplusses, together with the turnoil in the European Monetary System, the yen this week has become a new target for speculators.

Manae Kudota, director of the Economic Planning Agency, warned Friday that the latest surge could "sbock" the Japanese economy whose exports will become increasingly expensive in the global market place.

And unlike the last time the yen appreciated sharply, in 1986 and 1987, Japanese companies cannot depend on the domestic marke: to offset falling sales overseas, as Japanese demand is stag-

Emthermore, after three years of declining profits, companies on moving their production to

Asia or anywhere elsewhere. Toyota Motor Corp. recently said it loses six billion yen (\$58 million) every time the dollar dips one yen. Analysts are therefore predicting that carmakers and consumer electronics manufacturers will step up exports from deir factories overseas, as Toyota and Bridgestone Corp. have already announced.

Other sectors such as stell chemicals and petrochemicals should speed up the painful process of restructuring to boost productivity in Japan.

In Asia, China could be the main focus of a new wave of Japanese direct investment over-



Money dealers are busy in the afternoon trade in the Tokyn foreign exchange market while an indicator shows 101.80 yea (AFP photo)

smaller scale than in the 1980's, according to Khang Chi Hung, an economist at Nomura Research

Just this week, Ricoh announced that it is to build another factory in China, to manufacture fax machines in Shanghai.

Japanese consumers, however, aim to take advantage of the yen's strength which is pushing down the price of imported

"Now is the time to capitalise on the advantages of the favourable exchange rate... to pass on the strong yen's benefits to the consumer," Japan's leading newspaper, the Yomiuri Sbimbun, declared Friday.

Three quarters of Japan's a stronger currency.

seas. But it will be on a much annual imports of \$230 billion are dollar-denominated and, the Yomiuri said, the U.S. currency's slide has enabled Japan to reap a windfall of three trillion yen (\$39 billion) a year.

"The problem is whether the massive windfall will remain numbers on a calculator or whether the windfall can be recycled into better corporate performance and improvements in people's lifestyles," the newspap-

The Yomiuri urged electricity companies, which are paying less for their imported oil, to lower their charges. But a government survey released Thursday showed that more than half of the population has yet to see the benefits of

# India has no plans to open up insurance sector

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The Indian government has no immediate plans to open up the country to foreign insurance companies, Finance Minister Manmohan Singh told parliament.

The United States has demanded that India open up its huge market to foreign insurers, saying absence of such access amounted to an unfair trade practice.

It is also one of the conditions set by former GATT director general Arthur Dunkel's compromise plan to save the Uruguay round of multilateral trade negotiations. Mr. Singh said the government was not considering any proposal to

allow in foreign insurance firms.

An expert committee studying insurance sector reforms is "going into all these aspects" and it was premature for the government to comment on it before it submitted its findings, he said.

Pressed by opposition members for a categorical assurance that foreign insurers would not be allowed to enter India, the minister said: "The interests of the country will be effectively safeguarded."

# Debts could hinder support of French franc

had its worst day Friday since European currencies were effectively floated two weeks ago and economsits said huge dehts run up in last month's market turmoil could hamper efforts to prop it

The French currency fell to its lowest level against the German mark since Aug. 2. when European Community (EC) states were forced by market pressure to widen fluctuation bands within the EC's exchange rate mechanism (ERM1 to 15 per cent from

It touched 3.5470 per mark. down from 3.5145 on Thursday and 3.4 per cent below its former

floor in the EC currency grid. Traders said the decline was prompted by Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, who said he was sticking to austere economic policies and was in no hurry to cut ioterest rates.

The French central bank's need to repay its dehts of around \$50) billion could now add to the pressure on the franc.

Foreign investors have sent French stocks and bonds to record highs in the hope that Mr. Balladur would use his new freedom to act independently of high German interest rates to slash French rates and get the economy out of recession.

Some economists say the slow pace of monetary easing risks the reserves it spent in interven-

PARIS (R) — The French franc driving these investors back out tion. This also involves selling francs.

of France, hurting the franc. One said: "If this keeps up, the franc could even test its new (ERM) floor. The Bank (ot France) doesn't have much left to defend it.

But another said such a full another 10 per cent - was scarcely credible as the French economy is reasonably healthy.

Economists said the \$50 hillion or so that the Bank of France might have borrowed from the German and other central hanks in its vain bid to hold the franc to its former ERM parity would not have a big impact on the eco-

The only real problem is creates is for the franc. The Bunk of France has to sell a lot of francs to get the foreign currency it needs to repay its loans. And it's clear it has very few resources left to support the francif it starts falling faster," said one French econom-

"In terms of wider problems for the financial system or the realy economy, there's no real effect, although politically it won't look too good for the govemment once people get back from holiday." another econom-

The central bank's dilemma is deciding whether higher or lower interest rates will be hest to prop up the franc over the next few weeks as it goes about rebuilding

Bank of France data suggests that it might have spent as much as 330 hillion francs (\$55 billion) buying francs in July, including about 190 billion francs (\$31 billion) on one day alone - "Black Friday." July 30.

Technically that means the bank now has "negative reserves" as it only had about 155 billion francs (\$26 billion) on its books before the crisis. Economists said it probably horrowed virtually all of what it needed mostly in marks from Germany's Bundeshank.

Three hundred billion francs represents about 15 per cent of France's national debt but economisis said the central bank's borrowings would not show up in the government's accounts as it should be repaid within a few

Some bankers suggested that France might sell a bond issue in marks or another currency to

raise cash to repay the debts. But the French treasury has denied that it is planning to do so and economists said it made little sense politically.

Nor is the Bank of France likely to be selling gold reserves to raise cash. Nothing bullion market rumours that it was doing so, one economist said: "The Bank of France doesn't even think about its gold. It's bistory.

# **Turmoil as South Korea** bans false name trading

SEOUL (R) - Panicky South Korean investors dumped stocks and implored brokers to bend the new rules Friday as a shock ban on false-name financial transactions went into force.

The bourse, closed in the morning on presidential orders, opened at 2.10 p.m. (0510 GMT) for the two-hour afternoon session and promptly tumbled 22.79 points to 703.15. "I'm in real trouble. What am I

going to do?" said a 23-year-old false name account holder working for a foreign firm. "It sucks." President Kim Yonng-Sam took the nation by surprise Thursday might by invoking an emergency order on national tele-

use of "false name" accounts. The ban is part of Mr. Kim's waiving all capital gains taxes on no-holds-barred drive against stock market profits until 1997. and tax evasion launched when

he took office in February. "Let me assure those of you who ' : sincere and bonest lives that a system will do you no harm whatsoever," Mr. Kim said in his address to the nation.

Brokers said anxious investors had blocked the phone lines with requests to release their money without informing the author-

"We obviously cannot break the law," said a broker at a domestic bouse.

Finance Minister Hong Jae-Hyong ordered all banks, financial institutions and the stock market to remain shut Friday morning. There was no rush

when the doors opened. Bank clerks said they spent the morning receiving instruction on identifying account-holders.

Financial institutions reopened at 2 p.m. (0500 GMT) and remained open until 8 p.m. (1100 GMT)

Stocks plunged from the open-ing bell of the afternoon session. A daily-limit down rule, by which trading is halted if prices move more than a preset limit, prevents the index falling any more than 34.9 points, an exchange official

"Investors are selling relentlessly," said Dennis Song at Coryo Securities. No advances were recorded in the first 20 vision banning the widespread minntes despite government efforts to cushion the blow by

> could walk into a bank or brokerage and open an account in any name whatsoever. It was virtually impossible for tax authorities or anti-corruptiod

investigators to trace ill-gotten From Friday, all customers were required to identify them-selves before gaining access to

money in their accounts. Banks and institutions who permit an account bolder to make withdrawals without providing proper identification face a fine of up to 500 million won (\$620,000).

Up to 60 per cent of funds held in bank and securities house accounts by those who do not

identify themselves within two months can be confiscated. A 96.75 per cent tax will be

levied on any interest income or dividends that accrue. Brokers and traders are barred by law from playing the markets and so many, if not most, had opened accounts under pseud-

nyms, said one who declined to be identified. "I'm worried, but then so are most brokers. We weren't prepared for this sudden news," said

a local broker. The president had frequently said be planned to outlaw false name transactions since taking power in February, part of his no-holds crusade against corrup-

The financial markets, however, had banked on Mr. Kim delaying the measure until the slugeish economy recovered and had confidently predicted no action until the middle of next year.

Anyone who withdraws sums in excess of 30 million won (\$37,000) from a bank account in cash in the next two months will be reported to the tax authorities. Tax anthorities will watch those who remit more than

\$3,000 overseas. Mr. Kim's anti-graft campaign has cost scores of senior officials, including powerful top generals and politicians, their jobs, and in

some cases, their liberty. South Koreans say corruption, particularly in high places, has fallen off dramatically but re-

mains a dark fact of life; particularly at petty levels.

# Kuwait urged to draft longer-term budget

ABU DHABI (AFP) - An economic adviser to the Kuwaiti parliament has urged the oil-rich Gulf state to draft its annual budget as part of a long-term financial programme to tackle the huge deficit

caused by the Iraqi invasion. Jassim Al Saadun, a highly respected economic analyst, said the parliament's financial and economic committee was still striving to cut the deficit, which was projected at around two billion Kuwaiti dinars (\$3.6 billion) in fiscal 1993-1994.

"The budget does not represent the right instrument to serve the financial policy and reflect the financial situation of the country desired the country of during the year when it is issued." Sheikh Saadun said in the report, published in the United Arab Emirates daily Al Khaleej. He said the budget should not be approved unless it contains

detailed classifications of spending on each sector, the real costs of goods and services and studies on production efficiency. "The budget should also be part of a longer financial programme of between three and five years in order to identify the real secumulating deficit and ways to tackle it as well as adopting right

policies," he said. Kuwait's budget began to suffer from a large deficit after the 1990 traqi invasion, which forced it to sell more than half its overseas assets to finance reconstruction and pay liberation costs.

# Global airline travel to climb through '95, industry group says

MONTREAL (AFP) - Airline travel on carriers worldwide will grow 5.9 per cent in 1993, 6.9 per cent in 1994 and 7.3 per cent in 1995, according to the International Civil Aviation Organisation

Travel likely will be beaviest in the Asia-Pacific region but will drop slightly in Europe because of economic difficulties there. according to forecasts released here by the ICAO.

Passengers flying on airlines based in the 1CAO's 180 member states travelled a combined 1.95 billion passenger-kilometres (1.2 billion miles) in 1992 and should travel 2.37 billion passengerkilometres (1.4 billion miles) by 1995, the 1CAO said.

The number of passengers will jump by 9.3 per cent for the Asia-Pacific region in 1993, 10.4 per cent in 1994 and 10.6 per cent in 1994 and 10.6 per cent in 1995. In Europe, the number of passengers will climb by 5.9 per cent, 7.1 per cent and 7.9 per cent over the same periods respectively.

In the Caribbean and Latin America, the number of passengers will climb by 5.9 per cent in 1993, 7.1 per cent for 1994 and 7.9 per cent for 1995 compared to 6.1 per cent, 6.6 per cent and seven per cent for North America.

# Greek deputies approve sale of phone company

ATHENS (R) — The Greek parambitious privatisation project. wealth.

The bill was approved by 51 votes to 47 after weeks of strife within the ruling conservative party and a storm of protest from .. opposition parties and labour un- will control telephone charges

The government has a single-National Economy Minister Stephanos Manos was forced to make last-minute changes in the to decide on major policy decibill to persuade dissidents in the conservative camp not to vote it

lim deputy. Another independent held a 24-hour strike Thursday protesting against OTE's sale.

The bill allows the sale of 35

The strike closed public banks

will be floated on the Athens mail. Bourse and four per cent will be Six international companies employees and pensioners.

maining 51 per cent of the shares. in September.

Horoscope not received

Objections to the bill focused bament passed a crucial bill mainly on the decision to grant Thursday clearing the way for the management rights to a core inpartial sale of the Greek Tele-vestor. The main opposition communications Organisation Socialist Party accused the gov-(OTE), the government's most ernment of selling off national

In an effort to soften the opposition within his own ranks, Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis bad said the government and the state will hold a 6-5 sear majority in parliament and majority on OTE's board of

Mr. Manos went further Thursday, giving the board more power

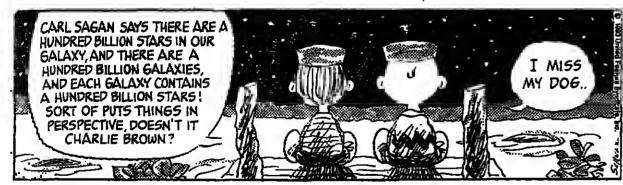
The General Confederation of In the event, all 50 conserva- Greek Workers (GSEE), the tive deputies voted for the bill country's biggest union with along with an "independent Mus- almost one million members,

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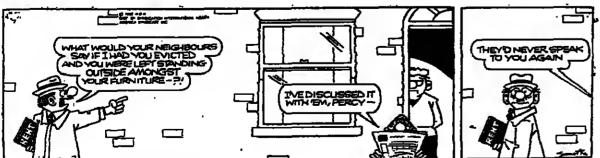
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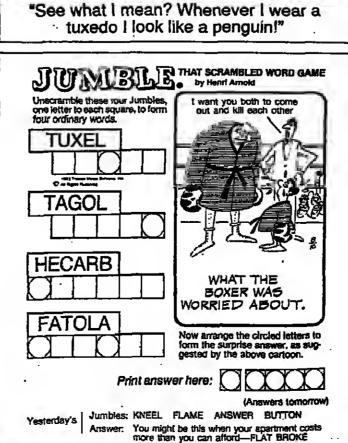


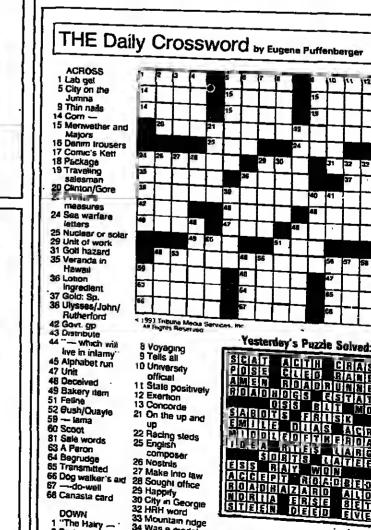












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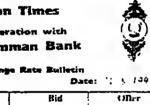
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# LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and builton markets Friday.

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# Shanghai newspaper slams currency market

China's heavy handed efforts to cool the economy, a Shanghai newspaper has carried a strident arrack on the city's currency swap

published a front-page article by one of its readers complaining that the market, the largest of its information.

The reader, using the pen name Qing Ping, gave vent to widespread frustration among local businessmen about restrictive practises adopted by the market that are designed to dampen buying enthusiasm for dollars and prop up the value of the Chinese currency, the yuan.
Authorities have tightened

documentary requirements for would-be dollar buyers, who must now prove conclusively that the hard currency is for actual They have also physically bar-

red access to the market for businessmen, who formerly milled around the trading floor watching the numbers on the big The incensed reader, describ-

haviour of security guards at the main entrance to the market near the famous Shanghai Bund, said he had been "driven out of the door just like a duck." Coming in the midst of a

national campaign to cool the

overheated economy, the com-

ing the rude and threatening be-

SHANGHAI (R) - In a rare ments appear particularly bold display of open dissent against more so since the architect of the campaign is Vice Premier Zhu Rongji, who has given his personal stamp of approval on restrictive measures in Shanghai.

Currency stability is a corner-The Shunghai Xinwen Buo stone in Mr. Zhu's efforts to

rein-in the runaway economy. The Shanghai Xinwen Bao is affiliated to the city government kind in China where businesses but has a history of outspokeness trade hard currency, was hiding and is seen as by journalists as something of a maverick. Market authorities have be-

> come very sensitive about revealing trading details, partly to make the market more opaque to confuse speculators and partly to hide the level of central bank intervention. Since Mr. Zhu took over the

> central bank last month, he has ordered beavy intervention in the Shanghai swap market to revive the yuan, which had falleo to a low of about 11 against the dollar In a two week period the bank

would continue to intervene at any cost to the central treasury On Friday, the dollar edged slightly higher against the yuan in Shanghai, China financial centre, ending at exactly B.B - the level

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into the market and made clear it

Mr. Zhu told a conference in Peking Monday last week that 8.8 was a "reasonable" exchange rate and he vowed to crack down on speculators and black marketeers who had been belping to boost the value of the dollar.

# Saudi cement expansion plans may produce surplus

DUBAI (R) - Saudi cement firms rushing to expand capacity in a booming construction market could end up with surplus capacity if predictions for high demand fail to meterialise, a leading Saudi-based economist said.

The warning came from Henry Azzam, chief economist at the leddah-based National Commercial Bank (NCB), who forecast contracts worth almost \$40 billion were expected to be awarded for construction projects in Saudi Arabia over the next five years. But he said in the latest edition

of the NCB's monthly review that

expansion projects by six of the

country's seven cement producers, if completed, would raise capacity to 22 million tonnes a year, from 14 million at present. pumped more than \$200 millioo Mr. Azzam said cement consumption, which reached 14.5 million tonnes in 1995 when limited imports were allowed, was

> forecast to rise to 16.5 million in 1993 and 19 million in 1994. Limited imports were allowed last year to bridge the gap and another 1.2 million tonnes will need to be imported this year, be

Speaking of the 22 million tonnes planned capacity, he said: "If the higher predictions for future local demand do not materialise, this will lead to significant surplus,

# Jordan potash industry sees exports rise in '93 AMMAN (R) - Jordan's potash 1.40 million tonnes from last industry expects its exports to rise to 1.35 million tonnes in 1993 as

signs emerge of a recovery from a droo in its far eastern markets. We expect a pickup in exports 10 1.35 million tonnes after last year's heavy drop in purchases from the main Indian market, Suleiman Hawari, deputy mana-

ger of Joidan's Arab Potash Company, told Reuters Friday, "Since the second half of this year, we have seen a return of Indian fertiliser firms to the mar-

Exports dropped to 1.23 million tonnes in 1992 from 1.41 million tonnes in 1991.

Mr. Hawari said he expected 1993 production to rise slightly to

#### year's 1.34 million tonnes. Prices of Jordanian potash dropped around 10 per cent in 1993 to around \$110 a tonne (FOB), due to depressed world demand.

Potash exports - Jordan's main foreign currency earner — fell to \$127 million in 1992 from \$143 million in 1991.

Jordan, the world's seventh largest producer, is pursuing an ambitious programme to exploit the mineral-rich Dead Sea.

According to the Arab Potash Company, the lake's potash reserves at 43 billion tonnes are the largest in the world and are expected to last another 200 years.

Mr. Hawari said the firm v.z. going ahead with a two-phase \$270 million project to expand production to 2.2 million tennes by 1998.

The \$130 million first-phase expansion by U.K. contractor George Wimpey should be ready for commissioning next February. It will raise annual capacity of the Dead Sea's existing potash plant to 1.8 million tonnes from the present 1.4 million.

A feasibility study by the U.S. firm Jacob's on the \$140 million second stage project should finish later this year.

The World Bank and the Islamic Development Bank are looking into its financing, expected to ." start early next year.

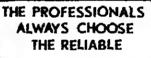
### SABIC profit decline continues

MANAMA (R) — Saudi Arabia's petrochemical and industrial conglomerate SABIC has reported a continuing decline in its profits as the result of difficult market conditions. A statement from SABIC, the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corp. said pretax profit for the first half of the year declined to 859.9 million rivals (\$229.3 million) from 990.8 million riyals (\$264.2 million) in the same period last year. SABIC controls and operates 15 joint venture complexes with Western

and Japanese companies.

# **Britain cites record** tourist influx

LONDON (R) — A record 6.9 million tourists visited Britain in the first five months of this year, the Department of National Heritage has said. "Britain continues to be a successful and attractive place for tourists," a spokesman said, adding that the devaluation of the pound. sterling last September had made the country relatively cheaper last foreign tourists. Foreign visitors spent £2.9 billion (\$4.3 billion) in Britain in the first five months of this year, a ten per cent rise on the same period last year. Around 4.6 million visits were from other west European countries and 1.1 million were from North America, with the rest of the world accounting for the remaining 1.2 million, according to statistics released by the department which cares io: historic scenic spots.



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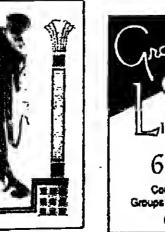
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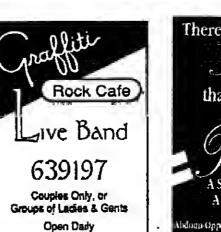


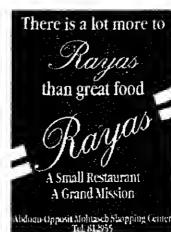




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# A rlift of severely wounded to start soon

SARALEVO (R) — A U.N. general headed for a strategic ಕಾರ್ಯದೇ acove Sarajevo Friday to wail: along Bosnian Serh forces lines to settle a dispute over their withdrawal which is salling peace talks in Geneva. "Ve're in a very sensitive said Commander Barry Frewer, the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) spokesman the besieged Bosnian capital.

the longer this process is beld up the (greater the) possibility forther mistrust and manipulation ≃ುiid creep in.'

As British Brigadier Vere ayes was about to start his ission, an international operation to airlift wounded civilians of Sarajevo got under way. from Britain to assess patients ಸಾಧಿಕರೆಯಾತರೆ for evacuation Sunday. peration Irma", as the Brit-Tress has dubbed the mission, by the mercy flight to evacuate five-year-- Hadzimuratovic, graveounded by a Serb mortar and dying for lack of adeque spital facilities.

Frewer said Gen. Have in of staff of the UNPROFOR in Bosnia, would visit the Bosnime Sero army bigh command halore walking the lines on Count igman.

The information Gen. Hayes thers will be sent to Geneva, viste Bosnia's Muslim President hija Izetbegovic is beycotting nesce negotiations until the premised Serb withdrawal is comcleted to his satisfaction.

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Bosnian Serb soldiers near the Bosnian town of Doboj practice with STELLA (Arrow) shoulder-

fired anti-aircraft missiles during a drill (AFP

"You'll appreciate the situation is tense, but there is no change in the military situation up there. The situation is stable," Maj. Frewer said. He estimated the Serbs had pulled around 800 men off the mountain but still bad about I,000 there.

Once (the boundary line) is defined and the regime for continuing the withdrawal pro ass continues, we hope in a matter of days we will see the continue withdrawal of Serb forces," he added.

Serb forces have withdrawn from the central area of Mount Igman, which they captured despite a July 30 ccasefire agreement, but are still deployed along a disputed line they say follows their positions before the truce.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told Reuters Television Thurday his forces would leave all disputed positions on the mountain as soon as the U.N. inspection defined exactly where they were allowed to be.

Peter Kessler, spokesman for

Refugees (UNHCR), said the air-British army nurse. lift of wounded children and adult But the doc civilians out of Sarajevo would probably begin Sunday.

A U.N. medical team had con-

tacted all 41 cases on its mosturgent list of those approved for evacuation. Two patients had declined the offer of treatment abroad, preferring to remain in the city, he said.
One 29-year-old man who de-

cided to stay "really felt hadly about leaving bis mother, leaving his extended family, his property and the graves of close relatives", ir. Kessler said.

"So we are selecting other pa-tients who are on the top of the priority list."

The evacuees are to be flown out in British Air Force Hercules transports of the type which reg-ularly lift food and other aid into Sarajevo. They will be taken to Ancona in Italy for transfer by air ambulance to Britain, Sweden and Ireland.

Preparations for the airlift advanced Friday with the arrival of a the U.N. High Commissioner for British Air Force doctor and a

But the doctor, wingcommander Andy Mitchell, said there were children in urgent need of treatment who were not included on the list of those to be airlifted out.

"I've been round the paediatric ward here and I've seen children whom I feel would benefit from immediate evacuation and treatment in Britain," Commander Mitchell said after a visit to Sarajevo's Kosevo Hospital.

Meanwhile, Serbia has asked the International Court of Justice to order the Bosnian government to prevent genocide against ethnic Serbs in Bosma, the U.N. court said Friday.

Serhia said it would present evidence to prove the Bosnian authorities were responsible for acts of genocide.

The government of the so-called Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina should immediately ..take all measures within its power to prevent commission of the crime of genocide against the Serb ethnic group," Serbia said.

# for new Japanese

TOKYO (R) - Japan's new prime minister, a reformer prom-

ising to alter politics radically, has charmed the nation, winning a record high 83.4 per cent rating in the latest media survey released

cight out of the 10 Japanese, Morihiro Hosokawa enjoys unprecedented support for a new leader beginning office, said the latest poll conducted jointly by Fnji Television and the daily Sankei Shimbun.

In spite of Mr. Hosokawa's wide support, few voters believed that his coalition government would endure. Over 55 per cent predicted it would last one year while about one third of those polled said it would be short-

# Yeltsin warns regions against breakaway designs

PETROZAVODSK, Russia (R) --- President Boris Yeltsin cracked down on separatist stirrings in Russia Friday, telling regional leaders he would never allow any territories to leave the Russian Federation.

The heads of semi-antonomous republics and representatives of regions in the federation effectively declined Mr. Yeltsin's invitation to set up a new seat of power in Russia. Bnt they agreed to form a Federation Council as a

consultative body.

Mr. Yeltsin, canvassing vital provincial support for his battle against the country's conservative parliament, said be sought a fair distribution of power between Moscow and the provinces. But he made clear there were strict limits to their freedom.

"I have to say that if any republics or regions really have bopes of leaving Russia, then they are deeply mistaken. Russia will remain a unified force." Mr. Yeltsin's press spokesman,

Vyacbeslav Kostikov, commented after the speech: "The Russian Federation is not a piece of Swiss cheese." It must not be allowed to disintegrate.

"Mr. Yeltsin said there were two ways of keeping Russia together — a peaceful, civilised way - or, if democracy collapsed "it could be done by naked force, by a dictatorship.

Mr. Yeltsin has warned before. of the dangers of separatism in

BANGKOK (R) — More than 100 people are believed to have been killed when a hotel col-

lapsed in north central Thailand

Friday, police and rescue workers

An official at a private

emergency foundation said 24

bodies had been retrieved from

the site of the Royal Plaza Hotel

in Nakbon Ratchasima, 250

kilometres northeast of Bangkok.

bodies we can see, but we are

concentrating our efforts on helping the living," police Sergeant Snwat Pongsuwan told Reuters.

More than 200 teachers were

attending a seminar at the hotel when it collapsed, officials said.

The building was a two-storey

"There are so many dead

radical semi-autonomous republies such as Tatarstan, which has declared itself a sovereign state in association with Russia.

But Mr. Yeltsin's comments to a meeting of leaders of Russia's semi-autonomous republics and regional administrations in the northern town of Petrozavodsk marked the first time he bad spelt out directly that no republic would be allowed to leave.

The only territory absent from the meeting was the southern Republic of Chechnya which has unilaterally declared full independence of Russia.

Differences between the semiautonomous republics, based on ethnic minorities, and the regions, the next rung down in the federal power structure, threaten to foil Mr. Yeltsin's attempts to forge a new constitution for Rus-

Some fear the disputes could seriously undermine the federation, just as similar disputes over taxation, resources and political powers led to the break up of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Mr. Yeltsin, in an apparent challenge to the conservative parliament, proposed creating a new seat of power, a Federation Council, uniting leaders from regional administrations.

"This would not be just some kind of assembly. It would be a legitimate organ of power," Mr.

Over 100 die in Bangkok hotel collapse

said. An additional floor was

being put on when the building

floor when it happened and they

are now either trapped or huried

in debris," said Pornchai Chitsu-

wansin, a spokesman for the

"The gas smell and the fear of

triggering further collapse have

slowed rescue workers as they try

"We expect the death toll to

rise, definitely past the 100 fi-gures tonight," he said. "There

are so many people trapped in

what is reduced to a 11/2 storey

structure from an original seven-

storey building."
More than 200 injured people

were taken to one hospital, a

hospital spokeswoman said.

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"There were people on each

He did not make clear if it should have lawmaking powers or develop into a "parallel parliament". The proposal, he said, had first been backed by the regions in March but was blocked.

by the legislature. Perhaps we should renew these signatures (of support) now and resolve the question of forming a Federation Council by means of a presidential decree,

Mr. Yeltsin said.

But official documents of the meeting the regional leaders said the council should have only consultative powers. The decision bowever, was not an ontright defeat for Mr. Yeltsin.

Set up as a consultative body, Kremlin officials believe the council could develop and form the basis of one of two parliamentary chambers under a new constitution.

It would include two representatives from each of 88 terri-

Mr. Yeltsin called the Petrozavodsk meeting in an effort to salvage his plans for adopting a new constitution to replace the basic law inberited from the Soviet era.

But if the plans for a new constitution fail, autumn elections could become Mr. Yeltsin's chief weapon against the legislature. Mr. Yeltsin said in a combative speech Thursday he would bring about polls even if parlia-ment resisted his demand.

Other hospitals were also treating

Police estimates of the number

Police said the hotel collapsed

as a staff were preparing lunch for

teachers and school administra-

tors attending the seminar.

More than 60 employees of the

Shell Oil Company were also attending a meeting in the hotel. Forty others were attending a

Some of the guests in the hotel

were foreigners, rescuers said, even though Nakhon Ratchasima

is off the beaten track for tourists.

Medical emergency rooms

"All cranes in the area are

"The inalienable dignity of ev-

ery human being and the rights

which flow from that dignity -- in

the first place, the right to life and

the defence of life -- as well as

the well-being and full human

development of individuals and

peoples, are at the heart of the

church's message and action in the world," the Pope said in a

Mr. Clinton's support of abor-

short statement.

were set up in tents around the

being used to remove debris," a

hotel to deal with casualties.

of people trapped ranged up to

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third meeting.

### Mother tells girl to kill self for exam failure HONG KONG (R) - A Hong Kong mother has made a public

apology after her daughter fol-

lowed her advice and tried to kill herself because of disappointing examination results. The 19-yearold girl took an overdose of painkillers after scoring narrowly below the marks she needed in Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) results released this week, the South China Morning Post said Friday. "I admit it is all my penitent mother Chu Wai-Ha said as her dangher Irene recovered in hospital. "I went as far as to tell her to jump off the Bank of China builling if she got poor results." The annual release of HKCEE results, vital to students' futures, is a time of triumph or despair for thousands of students in the territory, where a spate of teenage suicides in recent years has been blamed on intense parental pressure. Newspapers this week devoted headlines to one unusually carefree girl who insisted she was happy despite scoring bottom grades in all subjects, saying ber example sbould dissande bearthroken teenagers from thoughts of killing themselves. "I bope all the other parents can learn a lesson from me and not put too much pressure on their children, as it will be too late if they commit suicide,' the Post quoted Irene's mother as

#### Astronaut knocks cosmic cuisine

ZVYOZDNY GORODOK, Russia (R) — To the catalogue of financial and poblical woes facing Russia's space programme, Astronaut Alexander Poleshchuk added a new moan Thursday -the standard of cosmic cuisine. "We had enough to eat, but the rations could have been better," Poleshchuk, who recently re-turned from six months in space, told reporters. "The food's got worse ...new financial conditions mean supplies are worse than in the past, so there are problems with provisions," he lamented.

### **Driver swears at Princess Diana**

LONDON (R) — A British van driver swore at Princess Diana and called her a "silly cow" after she forced him to screech to a halt to avoid hitting her, the Daily Star newspaper reported Friday. Princess Diana, estranged wife of heir to the throne Prince Charles. was leaving a hairdresser in London's fashionable Mayfair Thursday when she spotted a waiting photographer. The paper said Princess Diana ran into the road to avoid him and almost collided with a van. The furious driver swore before leaning out of his window to shout: "Get ont of the road, you silly cow." Princess Diana yelled back before leaping into her car.

### **Court fines** Gorbachev 3 cents

MOSCOW (R) - A Russian court fined former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev 30 roubles (three U.S. cents) for failing to appear to answer libel charges levelled by the mayor of Moscow. The Postfactum News Agency said Mr. Gorbachev was accused of defaming Mayor Yuri Luzhkov after televised remarks accusing the Moscow administration of using public funds to build personal villas on the ontskirts of the capital.

# Fingerprints linked to high blood

pressure

LONDON (R) — Fingerprints may have a link with health, according a report published Friday. Dr. Keith Godfrey of the Medical Research Council studied the link between fingerprints, hand shape and blood pressure in 139 men and women. In a report in the British Medical Jonrnal, be said he had found that people who bad whorl-type fingerprints and those with long palms also had a tendency to high blood pressure. While the reason was not clear, Dr. Godfrey noted that fingerprints were determined while a foetus was still developing. in the womb.

### **Meteorite thieves** baffle police

RESISTENCIA, Argentina (AFP) - Authorities in the town of Charata, some 700 kilometres northwest of Buenos Aires, are mystified over why thieves have been taking meteorites from museums. The latest theft was an 80 kilo (175 pound) meteorite that disappeared Wednesday. Earlier this year, a 834-kilo (1,835-pound) meteorite was taken from a schoolyard, authorities said. Police have speculated that rohbers may have taken the space packs to extract precious metals from them, while other recent press accounts blame foreign collectors for taking the

# Support NEWS IN BRIEF New cholera strain sweeps Bangladesh

LONDON (A.P) — Researchers say a new strain of cholera that formerly occurred only sporadically is sweeping Bangladesh and eastern India and is set to spread and kill many people throughout South East Asia. "This strain seems to have pandemic potential. It is important that other countries in South East Asia are aware of the strain's potential to cause severe morbidity and mortality, researchers in Bangladesh reported in the Lancet, a British medical journal. Two U.S. researchers, David L. Swerdlow and Allen A. Ries, also writing in the Ang. I4 issue of the journal available Friday, went further and warned: "The epidemic potential of the new strain and the lack of immunity to it should elert ministries of bealth throughout Asia, Africa and Latin these epidemics could mark the beginning of the eighth cholera pandemic."

## 2 U.K. towns put on bomb alert

LONDON (R) - Police in Brighton said they had evacuated stores and the town's beaches and pier Friday after a coded warning that the IRA had planted firebombs in the southern English resort. Earlier fires caused by incendiary devices broke out in a furniture store, a bookshop and clothes sbops in Bournemouth, a resort west of Brighton. Police later reported a small explosion which damaged the town's pier. No one claimed responsibility for the Bournemouth attacks. But police in Brighton said they bad received a warning, purporting to come from the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which said bombs had been planted on beaches and in shops. "We consider the call to be authentic," Rodney Lynd, assistant police chief in Brighton, told reporters. A police spokesman said four Brighton chain stores, which were targets in Bournemonth, had been cleared as had the town's famous Palace Pier. No devices have yet been found, he

## New Belgian king pes on vacation

NICE, France (AP) — why crowned King Albert II of Belgium still drove bis own car after arriving by plane on a Riviera vacation, police said Friday. Belgium's consul from Nice greeted the king and his wife Paola as they arrived Thursday night aboard a Belgian army Mystere 20 jet, and secret service agents accompanied the entourage. King Albert, who assumed the tbrone Monday in grand ceremony, still took the wheel of his car as they drove off to the king's villa in Chateauneuf-Grasse, a mountain village 27 kilometres west of Nice. The royal couple own "Les Romarins," a property overlooking the Bay of Antibes that includes a house and a pool, where they have spent a few weeks for the past five years. Police said King Albert and his wife were to spend several days in the Riviera, but the Belgian consulate said it did not know the length of the stay.

# 3 die in U.K. helicopter crash

LONDON (R) — Three young cadets were killed when a Royal Air Force helicopter with seven people on board crashed into a lake in Wales Thursday during a training flight, police said. Four people were rescued and airlifted to hospital but two boys and one girl were trapped inside as the helicopter sank to the bottom of the lake. Witnesses said the yellow Wessex helicopter went into a spiral and plunged into the centre of Llyn Padarn, a lake on the edge of the popular Snowdonian holiday town of Llamberis.

## U.N. to send aid to Liberians

ABIDJAN (R) — The United Nations said it would truck urgently-needed food supplies across Liberia's former civil war battle lines to areas where at least 250,000 people are threatened with starvation. The medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) said in Brussels it too would send food into the north and centre of the country where the Red Cross says hundreds of children are dying every week. The shipments will be the first to cross Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front for Liberia (NPFL) rebel lines. The U.N. in Monrovia said its vehicles would leave the Liberian capital Friday, carrying food about 50 miles (80 kilometres) to the area north of Kakata, until last month the front line in the country's three-and-a-half year civil war.

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With the backing of more than

# structure to which four additional storeys had been added, officials Pope delivers anti-abortion message in U.S. DENVER, Colorado (R)

Pope John Paul II, arriving in the United States for his first meeting with President Bill Clinton. issued a strong reaffirmation of who supports the rigithe Roman Catholic Church's to choose abortion. anti-abortion stance. "If you want equal justice for ment after Pope John Paul's all and true freedom and lasting

peace, then, America, defend life." the Pontiff said in Denver Thursday in an exchange of greetings with Mr. Clinton. The words, while not explicitly mentioning abortion, were a clear criticism of liberal U.S. pobicies

on the question. On Thursday night 90,000 young people gave the Pope a thunderous welcome at a rally for the Roman Cathobc Church's World Youth Day, the reason for his third full-scale trip to the

first face-to-face meeting between the highly conservative 73year-old Pontiff and the president who supports the right of women Mr. Clinton, in a short state-

arrival from Mexico, tried to shift the stage to the international arena and the Pontiff's role in comhating communism. We know that you were the force to light the spark of free-

dom over communism in your native Poland," Mr. Clinton said. referring to the Pope's support for Solidarity, the Polish free trade union. But the Pope returned to the

issue of abortion after the two men emerged from a closed-door 45-minute meeting at Regis University, a Jesuit institution.

tion rights helped him win election as president last year. White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said the Pope's remarks were no surprise. 'I think he tried to make his point

without being confrontational.

It's what we expected, "The president knows the Pope's views on this. It doesn't come as any surprise."

# Aspin said to push for more defence spending

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Defence Secretary Les Aspin has proposed spending about \$20 bil-tion more on military spending over the next five years than President Bill Clinton has called for, the Washington Post reported Friday. The Post said Mr. Aspin pre-

sented the plan to administration officials last week. A Pentagon spokesman said he bad no knowledge of the report.

Mr. Clinton bas proposed

spending \$1.2 trillion for defence over the next five years. According to the Post, which cited unnamed military officials,

Mr. Aspin's proposal for the extra spending is based on his assessment of national security His recommendations include a force of 11 aircraft carriers with

one in reserve, two fewer than now in service, the Post said. The newpaper said he also wanted to maintain 45 to 55 nuclear-powered submarines. compared with 80 now, 10 active and six reserve army divisons, four fewer than now, and 20 air

force wings, compared with the current 28. Military spending must be approved by Congress.

Meanwhile Marine Commandant Carl Mundy acknowledged Thursday be "blindsided" President Bill Clinton with his plan, since slapped down, to ban married recruits after 1995 but said it was undertaken with good mo-

"I hlindsided him on this," the general said at a Pentagon briefing. "And it's not one of my pronder moments in history here... I'll try not to do it again.' Gen. Mundy issued an order

United States.

last week for the Marines to stop recruiting married men and women after Sept. 30, 1995, and to discourage early marriages of people already in the corps because of the strain Marine life puts on early marriages.

The order did not become widely known until Wednesday afternoon and Mr. Aspin took the extraordinary step of publicly reversing it Wednesday night. Pentagon spokesman Captain Mike Doubleday said Mr. Aspin "was surprised" when he heard

about Gen. Mundy's policy late Wednesday. "He felt this was a little arbitrary." Mr. Aspin issued a statement praising Gen. Mundy's focus on the effect of marriage problems

on military readiness but said he ordered Gen. Mundy's plan retracted pending review of the problem across the entire milit-Gen. Mundy said Mr. Aspin

had said "nothing hut positive things" to him about the controversy Thursday and had expressed a willingness to work with him on the marriage problem.
"We... very candidly did not

foresee that the focus would be so Joint Chiefs of Staff. much on the five per cent who

enlist who are married," Gen. ate, Gen. Shalikashvili will suc-

counselling end of (the plan). My focus was on attempting to develop a programme that would belp us better to deal with this," be told reporters.

He said the entire policy, including the marriage counselling, was on hold pending Mr. Aspin's review.

Representative Patricia Schroeder attacked Gen. Mundy's plan. Even the Pope allows his Swiss Guards to be married," the

Colorado Democrat said. "The Marines have always been the least family-friendly. Another critic said Gen. Mundy's marriage counselling order made sense but he should have known the impact his order would have when Mr. Clinton

and Mr. Aspin are promoting

women, gay rights and families in

the military. "It was like throwing a hand grenade into the middle of this administration," author and former air force officer Martin Binkin said. "He should have known

#### Clinton appoints new military chief

President Clinton has named the commander of allied forces in Europe. General John Shalikashvili, to become chairman of the

When confirmed by the Senceed General Colin Powell as the "My focus was really on the nation's bighest ranking military.

officer. Gen. Powell is retiring as of Sept. 30. Mr. Clinton, in a surprise Rose

Garden annonncement, said Gen. Shalikashvili, the grandson of a general in the czar's Russian army, "a shining symbol of what is best about the United States and best about our armed ser-

Gen. Shalikashvili, who was born in Warsaw, Poland, came to United States at the age of 16, learned to speak English from watching John Wayne movies. was drafted into the army and rose through the ranks to fourstar general.

Gen. Shalikashvili's father, once an officer in the Georgian army, fled from Warsaw with his eight-year-old son just ahead of the advancing Soviet armies in 1944. As Mr. Clinton noted, the general and his family were caught in a crossfire of the kind of national and ethnic rivalries that now trouble so much of our world."

"I selected him," Mr. Clinton said, "because I believe he has the ability and to win anay military action our nation might ask of bim. Above all, I am confident that in every instance, he will give me his absolutely candid and professional military advice, which as president I must have."

The president called Gen. Shalikashvili "a soldier's soldier" who is "superbly well-qualified" for his new post.

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# Morceli faces Christie will start

STUTTGART, Germany (AFP)

— World athletics chief Primo Mediolo says Algeria's 1,500m is her daught in hospital "The world champion Noureddine Morceli will miss the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 if he carries out his threat to boycott the world championships here.

Morceli, the world record bolder at the distance, wants a cash prize for victory insread of the Mercedes Benz saloon car being teenage sich offered to the gold medallists. But Medicilo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, Friday spelled out the punishment which awaits the Algerian if he fails to appear here

ne unusually e asted she was be without good reason. We have made it very clear saying her o ssaude hear about participation in the world championships," Mediolo warned

"Athletes who are being sent by their federations have the obligation to take part, naturally if they are not injured or ill. If they say 'no', the rules are very

they communicated irene's ac-Two months suspension from the end of the world eham-pionships ... and after ineligibility for the next Olympic Games in

aut ki:00% the United States. But Mediolo expressed his fer-DNY GOROF vent hope the Algerian star will - To the capt make it to Sturigart.

"I hope very strongly Morceli Space progra-Alexander Polwill come and compete. I hope this because I am very close to Morceli. He's a boy I appreciare very much. He's a great champion and I hope, nearly strongly

**Americans dominate PAN Pacific** 

KOBE, JAPAN (AP) — American swimmers dominated the Pan

Pacific swimming championship Friday as world record holder

Jenny Thompson won the women's 100-metre freestyle and fellow

American Ion Olsen took the men's event. The 20-year-old

Thompson, the Barcelona Olympic silver medalist, was timed in

55.25 seconds, above her world mark of 54.48. Australian Susan

O'Neill came in second in 55.80, followed by Angel Martino of

the United Slates in 55.97. Olson took the men's 100-metre

freestyle in 49.73 seconds. Australian Christopher Fydler finished

second in 50.02 and John Steel of New Zealand was third in 50.12.

America's Anita Nall took the women's 100-metre breast stroke with a meet record of 1:09-11, bettering the old mark of 1:09-70 set hy Keltie Duggan of Canada in 1989. Australian Samantha Riley was second in 1:09.18 and Canadian Guylaine Cloutier was third in 1:09.93. Australia took the day's first gold medal as Philip Potent Stroked to sixtuate took the day's first gold medal as Philip

Rogers stroked to victory in the men's 100-metre breaststroke in 1:01.56, a meet record. The previous mark of 1:02.02 was set by

Mike Barrowman of the United States in 1991. Japan's Akira

Hayashi came in second in I:01.82, third place went to American

ZURICH (R) — Germany were officially declared the world's best team Friday when FIFA unveiled its first international

ranking list. The rankings, launched in a joint marketing venture with Coca Cola, put the world champions ahead of Italy, with Switzerland a surprising third following their dramatic recent improvement in World Cup qualifying form. The rankings, complied by mathematicans from a complex points system based

on matches over the last six years, is aimed at producing a definitive league table of the world's national sides. Germany's

Coach Berti Vogts said: "This whole concept is a great idea. It now puts the pressure on all trainers in the top 10 to maintain their rankings." FIFA said the rankings were partly in response to

demands from the soccer world for an official classification of

**GOREN BRIDGE** 

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What do you bid now?

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The first round of the 1,500m starts next Thursday.

Speaking after a superb victory Zurieh last week, Morceli said: won't go to the world championships. I thought about it a lot and nothing will make me go

back on this decision." However, Morceli also said his main ambition now is to become Olympic champion — a status he now looks unlikely to attain in Atlanta

NEWS IN

Olympic ban underdog in 100m

STUTTGART (R) - Olympic champion Linford Christic, appearing supremely relaxed on the eve of the fourth world athletics championships, said Friday would be the underdog in Sunday's 100 metres final.

The Briton is scheduled to meet defending champion and world record-holder Carl Lewis if both survive Saturday's open-ing two rounds and Sunday's

"The Americans say they are number one," said Christie. They are the best. I'm the underdog, I like that, I like sneaking in."

Christie, who has a notoriously had relationship with the British press, was affable and ehatty less than 24 hours before the start of the championships.

He said he was now "stronger, faster and better" after training in Monte Carlo this week and was enjoying the sport more than ever before.

"I'm running a lot quicker than I was last year." Christie said.
"This is the best season I have

"Lewis is a very experienced big occasion athlete of course. I am not going to write him off "I assume we will both make it to the final. Then it's every man for himself. "The race will definitely be run under 10 seconds. The guys not ready to run under 10 seconds will have no chance."

On Thursday, Lewis said he did not think anybody would start

BRIEF

Seles will miss U.S. Open

charged with attempted murder.

Prost fastest yet again

VAIL, Colorado (R) -- Monica Seles, who has been sidelined

since she was stabbed by a spectator during a match in Germany

in April, will not be able to defend her title at the U.S. Open

tennis championships, her doctors said Thursday. Doctors

Richard Sleadman and Richard Hawkins, who have supervised

Seles' rehabilitation programme at the Steadman Hawkins Clinic

in Vail, Colorado, said the tennis slar was recovering but not

ready to return to action, "Monica's progress and rehabilitation

continue," Doctors Steadman and Hawkins said in a joint

statement. "She is not yel ready to return to competitive tennis,

and we are continuing to monitor her progress and work with her on the next phases of her rehabilitation." Seles would have been going for a third consecutive U.S. Open title when the year's final Grand Slam event begins August 30. Seles has already missed the French Open, where she would have gone for a fourth successive

title, and Wimbledon since being attacked in Hamhurg April 30.

She has also lost her world number one ranking to Steffi Graf

because of her inability lo compete. "There is still no way to accurately predict when she will be able lo relum to daily

competition," the statement said. Seles was stabled in the upper

back during a changeover of her semifinal match against

Magdalena Maleeva at the Citizen Cup tennis championship by a spectator who later claimed to be a Graf fan wanting to put her chief rival out of action. The knife penetrated Seles' back about an inch and her attacker, identified as Guenter Parche, was laler

BUDAPEST (R) - World championship leader Alain Prost was

at his unruffled best Friday as rivals struggled to master the

slippery track in opening qualifying for Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix. Prost, driving his Williams with a smoothness which

set him apart, clocked the best time of one minute 15.488 seconds on the tight, twisting and dusty Hungaroring. His time left him narrowly clear of the Benetton of Michael Schumacher, who recorded 1:16.003 in the final seconds of the session. Prost's team

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to attend the function.

favourite for the 100. "After the first day and the first two races we can start to see the situation," the American

All the world's top springers will be present Saturday with the exception of former world record holder Leroy Burrell, who failed to make the U.S. team.

The other two Americans — Dennis Mitchell and Andre Cason - have both reported fit and chief track coach Ed Jacoby said Friday he thought the U.S. learn was one of the best ever assembled.

Jacoby also revealed that world 200 metres women's champion Gwen Torrence was hidding for four ritles here. He said Torrence would race the 100 and 200 and also run on both relay teams.

Two finals will be decided Saturday - the women's 10-km walk and the men's marathon. Form is notoriously hard to

assess in the marathon but Kenya's Cosmas N'deti mut start as one of the race favourites. especially it Friday's weather forecast is correct and tempera tures reach 30 degrees celsius Saturday aftenioon.

N'deti, silver medallist at the 1989 world junior eross-country championships, won this year's Boston marathon. Another leading contender will

be South African Willic Mtnlo, winner of last year's New York



# Judge calls in mayor with alibi for club chief

VALENCIENNES, France (R) - The judge probing allegations of match-rigging by European soccer champions Marseille said Friday he wants to interview a town mayor who has provided an alihi for club chairman Bernard

Judieial sources said Judge Bernard Beffy had put in an official request to interview Bethune Mayor Jacques Mellick, a former Socialist government minister. This followed Mellick's relusal to respond to verbal requests, they said.

The Mellick affair is the latest complicated twist in investigations into allegations that Marseille tried to bribe Valenciennes to lose a May 20 league

Former Valenciennes trainer Boro Primorac has alleged he was offered money on Tapie's behalf to take the blame for rigging the match. He says he met Tapic at his offices June 17

Tapic has denied the charge and said there was no meeting with Primorae.

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# Sabatini takes advantage of Austin's errors

Tracy Austin for a 6-1, 6-3 victory served a love game and won the Thursday might in the third 1-hour, 30-minute match on a round of the Virginia Slims of Los down-the-line forehand. Angeles.
Sabatini, No. 5 in the world, is

the highest-ranked player Austin thal I didn't capitalize on my has faced since the 30-year-old chances," Austin said. "I think made her first comeback nearly with the lack of matches I played four years ago.

Austin, a two-time U.S. Open champion, is not ranked in her her way to a straight-set victory latest comeback from injuries when she broke service to lead sustained in a car accident in

"I don't think the score reflects the match — 6-I in the first set took 45 minutes," Austin said. Austin is 2-3 in her comeback attempt this year. She reached 6-5, but Halard broke back again the third round of the Evert Cup after surviving another match in February and lost in the first round of the Lipton International in March. She plans to play in the Canadian Open next week.

Top seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain rebounded after hlowing the second set to beat no. 14 Julie Halard of France 6-4, 6-7, 6-0. In another third-round match, No. 2 Martina Navratilova eliminated Ros Nideffer 6-4,

There was no way I was going to lose (in the third set)," chez Vicario said. "She's very dangerous and I knew I had to be patient. She's beaten me before. In the third set, I gave it everything I had."

In the Austin-Sabatini match five of the first seven games went to deuce and featured numerous break chances. Austin held serve in the third game after trailing 30-0 and staving off two break points. The ball crossed the net nearly 30 times on several points.

Both players traded breaks to open the second sel before Sahatini won three straight games to go up 4-1.

Austin then held serve to climb to 4-2. She led 30-0 and had two hreak chances in the seventh game, but Sabatini recovered to deuce and won the game on

Austin's backhand error.

fornia (AP) - Gabriela Sabatini and gave up two points to Sahaticapitalised on a rash of errors hy ni before closing to 5-3. Sabatini served a love game and won the

"I'm very happy with the way, played, but I'm disappointed

a few loose points."
Sanchez Vicario appeared on 5-4 in the second set. However, Halard broke back after Sanchez Vicario failed to capitalize on two match points.

Sanchez Vicario broke service again in the 11th game to lead 6-5, but Halard broke back again point and forced a tiebreaker. After Halard won the nebreaker 7-4, Sanebez Vicario took com-

In other matches, No. 4 Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria outlasted No. 16 Angelica Gavaldon of Mexico 7-6, 6-4; No. 10 Lori MeNeil beal No. 5 Helena Suko-va of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; Kimberly Po downed No. 6 Mary Pierce of France 6-4, 6-4; No. 7 Amanda Koetzer of South Africa topped Helen Kelesi of Canada 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, and No. 8 Zina Garrison-Jackson defeated No. 11 Lindsay Davenport, a year-old high school student,



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# Fresh battle breaks Sudan truce, cuts relief routes

fresh offensive by Sudan's government army against southern rebels along the Ugandan border threatens to cut relief supply routes to huge areas affected hy famine, churchmen and aid work-

Guerrillas of the Sudan People's Liberatioo Army (SPLA) in the frontier town of Kaya said they had been battling to drive back an advancing force of 5,000 government troops for the last

Backed by Antonov bombers and MiG fighter planes, govern-ment troops overran the village of Morobo 15 kilometres north of

Kaya on Sunday, they said. The fresh fighting effectively rips apart a truce declared by the warring sides in March to allow foreign relief groups to get food to tens of thousands of needy civilians — the maio victims of a civil war of attrition that has raged since 1983.

"Heavy fighting is still taking place in Morobo. Our intention is to throw the government forces out of the town," SPLA commander Pitia Diliga told reporters who visited Kava.

Kaya and Morobo lie along a muddy track that is nevertheless a strategic artery-for relief supplies trucked in from Uganda to the entire Western Equatoria pro-vince, much of which is still held by the SPLA.

"The government aim is to seal off the border with Uganda," said Kaya's Anglican Bishop Seme Solomona, who fled to terror to escape the clashes with more than 25,000 refugees into Uganda last

"Should that happen, many people will starve to death," said Father Peter Dada, a Catholic priest also from Kaya.

Relief workers estimate that about 500,000 people have died in the war - most of the south's population of 4.5 million.

The ramshackle town of Kaya was completely deserted except for a few ragged SPLA fighters when reporters visited. Local residents said the rebels numbered just 600 in the area.

The refugees, who moved out on SPLA orders, took their few belongiogs and trekked through thick hush south to the Ugandan town of Arua.

They are now camped in two transit centres in Arua, where U.N. and other relief groups are distributing food. The Ugandan authorities have set aside land for them to farm, suggesting they expect the refugees to stay for

some time. Political analysts expect the government force to swing eastwards and move on the town of

Kajo Kaji if they capture Kaya. If they take Kajo Kaji, they can move on the frontier town of Nimule which lies on the eastern banks of the Nile and would be the last proper supply route for the SPLA and civilians on the

The government army, which hulldozed its way across a vast swathe of the south in last year's dry season offensive and tnok a string of rebel-held towns, is squeeziog SPLA rebels under guerreilla chief John Garang tight against the Ugandan border.

The black and mainly Christian SPLA, which for 10 years has



CLASHES IN SEOUL: South Korean dissident students clash with riot police in front of Seoul's Yousei University Friday oo the eve of an illegal "Pan National Rally." Police fired volleys of tear-gas as the students made their way out of the campus where nearly 2,000 students were gathering to prepare for the Pan National Rally on Aug. 15 during which the dissidents plan to link up with North Korean students (AFP photo)

# Jordan's father

found dead FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP)-The body of James Jordan, father of NBA superstar Michael Jor-

dan, was found floating in a South Carolina river, and authorities said Friday he had been shot to death.

Jordan, 57, died of a gunshot wound to the chest, Cumberland County officials said at a news conference Friday. The body was found near Bennettsville, S.C., about 60 miles (95 kilometres) southwest of Fayetteville.

Dental records helped to confirm the identity of the body found in Marlboro County, S.C. authorities have no suspects and said they have not determined a motive.

Michael Jordan is vacationing in California and bas made no public statements about his father.

Chicago radio station WBBM quoted Bulis' general manager Jerry Krause as saying, "Oh my God. Oh my God," when told of the discovery of Jordan's body. James Jordan hadn't been seen in three weeks but the family had not reported him missing. His expensive car was found Aug. 5, the same day the body was discovered, in a wooded area near Fayetteville. The red Lexus 400 bad been partially disassembled and some of its parts stolen or

"stripped." Family and friends said it wasn't uousual for the elder Jordan to stay out of touch for long periods of time, but a three-week disappearance was unpre-

Members of Michael Jordan's security staff flew to Fayetteville from Chicago earlier this week to

identify James Jordan's car, James Jordan was last seen July 22 after attending the fuoeral of a friend in Burgaw, 60 miles (95 kilometres) southeast of Fayetteville, Cumberland County sheriff

Morris Bedsole said After the funeral, Jordan stopped at the home of the widow, Azella Kemp, hefore driving some friends back to Wilmington, Mrs. Kemp said.

Carolyn Rohinsoo, who rode with him, said Jordan told her he had to return to Charlotte to catch a plane to Chicago the next

"He talked to his office on the phone while we were driving back," Mrs. Robinson said. She heard him say that after his Chicago trip, he planned to be in South Carolina.

Jordan stopped at Mrs. Robinson's home, ate a late dinner and visited before changing clothes for the drive home, she said.

# Mediators call break in Bosnia peace talks; NATO drafts plans

GENEVA (Agencies) — Inter-oational mediators Lord Oweo and Thorvald Stoltenberg called a weekend hreak in Bosnian peace talks on Friday to allow Serbs time to complete a withdrawal on strategic heights overlooking Sarajevo.

Their spokesman said the pause followed United Nations reports of a further Serb pullback from Mount Igman, where British Brigadier Vere Hayes, chief of staff of the U.N. peacekeeping force in Bosnia, and a Serb general were inspect-

ing a disputed ceasefire line.
"The co-chairmen have had oews of further Serb withdrawals today and will be discussing the ceasefire line with Brig. Hayes later," spokesman John Mills told

The co-chairmen have decided to bave a pause in the negotiations and intend to call all the parties together on Monday afternoon.

The Serbs' presence on Igman, which they captured while the warring factions talked peace in Geneva, has stalled peace nego-

tiations for more than a week. Bosnia's Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic has refused to negotiate directly with his Serh and Croat forces on the shape of three ethnic republics until the

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has not been easily accepted by

the Tunis-based leadership,

which continued to deal with the

local leadership as order receiv-

ers. Palestinian observers and

analysts say. However, the Mad-

rid formula of the current peace

process which imposed a delega-

tion solely from the occupied

territories compelled the PLO to

take seriously the viewpoints and

opinions of Palestinian leaders in

the occupied territories or other-

The delegation's spokes-

woman, Dr. Ashrawi, said the

discussions in Tunis were over

differences of opinioo hetween

the PLO leadership and her

group over procedural and poli-

tical issues as well as problems

related to the performance of the

criticism was aimed at better per-

formance and greater efficiency,'

she told the Jordan Times on

In private, delegates complain

that they had been treated as

mailmen and messengers he-

tween the PLO leadership and

the U.S. or Israel. Lack of con-

snltation and contradictory

orders from the Tunis-hased lead-

ership confused the delegation

and triggered general discontent

at the way they were treated.

Many said they were not con-

vinced of some orders they were

expected to carry out.

"Very frank and open self-

wise risk rebellioo.

peace team itself.

Friday.

Sources close to the talks said the two-day break should give U.N. peacekeepers in Sarajevo time to settle the Igman dispute - which the Serbs say results from confusion over July 30 ceasefire lines — and allow the Moslim-led government, the Croats and the Serbs to prepare negotiating positions for full-scale

Serb leader Radovan Karadzic told Reuters he would stay in Geneva over the weekend and said be had been told hy his forces the Igman ceasefire line had already been agreed.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) should complete detailed plans this weekend to identify targets for air strikes aimed at forcing Bosnian Serbs to ease their stranglehold on Sarajevo, NATO sources said in Brussels Friday.

They said NATO's political committee was meeting regularly to keep the situation in Bosnia under review so that the alliance would be ready to move as soon as a request was made to call an emergency meeting of the NATO

Operational details of air strikes, including target ideoti-

Palestinians from the occupied

territories in the PLO's decision-

making structure could lead to

more active participation in deci-

sions and in enacting long-called

for reforms in the PLO, but only

if the mixed committee func-

The working plan outlining re-lations between the "inside" and

the "ootside" that was endorsed

by the PLO's Executive Commit-

tee in line with a proposal hy the

delegation aims at defining the

functions of the leadership and

the delegation in the peace talks

as well as in the occupied territor-

the leadership stemmed from the

need to improve the Palestinian

political system and the decision-

making mechanism in order to

incorporate the Palestinian poli-

tical society inside the occupied

territories which is growing in

importance," peace delegate Ghassan Al Khatih told the Jor-

dan Times. Dr. Ashrawi said that

by issuing calls for collective lead-

ership and consultations "we are

simply trying to do justice to segments of the Palestinian com-

Calls for a collective leadership

and democratic reforms have

been spearheaded by chief peace

negotiator Haidar Abdul Shafi,

who warned against further Palestinian political divisions and

predicted the ultimate collapse of

the PLO if Palestinians pursued

negotiations without unity or

"The delegation's proposals to

However, the integration of democratic reforms.

Palestinian resignation crisis ends,

tioned properly.

military chiefs of Allied Forces Sootbern Europe Commaod based in Naples in coordination with commanders of the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR)

m Bosnia, the sources said.

At the council's last meeting on Monday, NATO amhassadors stepped up the pressure on the Bosnian Serbs by approving a report from the alliance's military committee giving options for air strikes. They ordered detailed target identification.

The NATO envoys could be convened at short notice for a council session. Any decision by it to go ahead with air strikes would be subject to a final decision by United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Ghali.

One source said the alliance, in judging whether air strikes should be launched, was not looking at "one individual act" by the Bosnian Serbs, such as their withdrawal from the commanding

beights of Mount Igman.

NATO would also be influenced by bow serious the Bosnian Serbs were about resuming peace negotiations, their readiness to allow substantial resumption of bnmanitarian relief shipments and permit water and other services to be restored to the Bosnian capital, to stop seizing territory and to cease ethnic cleans-

Although the crisis bad high-

bighted differences between the

diaspora and the Palestinian lead-

ership inside the occupied terri-

tories, the real issues at stake

were not geographic.

Some officials argued that a

well-defined decision-making

mechanism and improved rela-

tions with the local leaders could

well solve outstanding problems

because Palestinains are not in

the business of seeking an

They said that if Israel talked

to the PLO, the delegation would

have more confidence in itself

and the PLO would stop using

alternative communciation chan-

alternative leadership.

TOKYO (R) — Japanese bureaucrats endure low pay and long working hours because many can look forward to lucrative executive jobs in the private sector and government-affiliated firms after retirement, a survey says. The survey by the labour federation of government-related organisations showed that former hureancrats made up 75 per cent of the top ecbelon of government-affiliated corporations last year, major Japanese oewspapers reported Friday. Sixty-five corporations which responded to the union's survey, released this week, reported that no fewer than 288 of a total 383

"It is likely that direct talks between the PLO and Israel will take place soon," Dr. Ashrawi said. "The PLO is the representative of the Palestinian people, it is the people's national dimension and identity."
The PLO has publicly been

few months.

guiding the delegation in the 21month-old peace talks, but Israel has only recently lifted a han on PLO contacts, specifically since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Labour Party ousted the hardline Likud party of former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. But Mr. Rabin still insists on negotiating only with Palestinians from the occupied territories, although members of his coalition government are known to have met PLO officials over the past

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munity."

calls its role as a "full partner" at

the discussions. Asked whether the United States expected delegates to be on he same level as at the last round, which ended in late June, the spokesman replied: "I don't

mat " Describing Mr. Christopher's hopes, Mr. McCurry said the

secretary was prepared for a painstakingly slow process, "inch by inch.'

centimetre," he added. "Millimetre by millimetre." In Tunis, a Palestine Libera-tion Organisation (PLO) Execu-

tive Committee member said the Palestinians received an invitation from the United States Friday to resume the peace talks in Washignton on Aug. 30.

"Today they sent an invitation to us that there will be a new round of talks on 30th August,' Yasser Abed Rabbo told Reu-

He said the Palestinians would decide whether to attend at a meeting with the other Arab parties to the talks,

But Mr. Abed Rahbo and other Palestinians in the peace process said they wanted to attend the talks.

France welcomes the resumption of peace talks, deputy foreigo ministry spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said Friday.

Reacting to the announcement that Israel would be negotiating for the first time with a PLO delegation, she emphasised that France had always been in favour of direct talks between Israel and

# Israel-PLO

His former top aide Yossi Ben nothing and has no importance ... that is fraud."

He said the Likud government

Dr. Ashrawi said the delegation would continue to handle negotiations, but any agreement had to involve the PLO.

### Japan emperor to visit Europe in September

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko will pay their first official visit to Europe from Sept. 3 to 19, the government announced Friday. The imperial couple will travel to Italy, Belgium and Germany where they will meet members of other royal families and government leaders, it said. In Rome. the Emperor and Empress will have an audience with Pope John Paul II. Emperor Akihito has travelled widely since ascending the chrysanthemum throne after the death of his father, Emperor Hirohito, in 1989. In 1991 he became the first emperor to visit Asia when he toured Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia in the company of Empress Michiko. Last year the coople paid a historie visit to China.

### Mayor iinked to Philippine murders arrested

MANILA (R) — Police arrested a Philippine town mayor linked to the marder of two university students Friday after a new witness accused him of raping one of the victims. Antonio Sanchez, mayor of Caluan town in Laguna province, south of Manila, faces charges of rape and being an accessory to murder, the Criminal Intelligence Service said. "We have ample evidence to bring Mayor Sanchez to court," Chief Snperintendent Manuel Salimhangon told reporters. Formal rape and murder charges are expected to be filed with the court shortly, "I have nothing to do with that (rape and killing)," Mr. Sanchez told reporters. He was perspiring profusely and having his blood pressure checked by a doctor. President Fidel Ramos had asked for the swift resolution of the case after a popular outcry over the incident, which dominated newspaper headlines for several weeks. Aurelio Centino, a driver for the mayor, told police he drove Allan Gomez and Eileen Sarmenta to a safehouse where Mr. Sanchez was waiting for them last June. Healleged that Mr. Sanchez then raped Sarmenta repeatedly and gave the girl to his benchmen who also ahused ber. The two students were then

#### Japan bureaucrats well-treated after retirement

executives were former employees of government ministries. and agencies as of late last year. Under the time-hononred Japaoese practice known as "Amakudari" (descending from heaven), retiring senior bureaucrats get highly-paid posts in the private sector or government-

### Women executives a rare species in Japan — survey

ployers.

affiliated companies. In exchange

they are expected to use their

infloence to belp their oew em-

TOKYO (R) — Japan's new Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa has appointed a record number of women to his cabinet, but a survey shows that in Japan's male-dominated business world, women executives remained a rare species. According to a survey by publishing company Toyo Keizai, there were only 48 female directors at 2,128 companies listed on Japan's eight stock exchanges as of July, a tiny 0.1 per cent of the total. Five years ago, listed companies had 31 female directors, but the ratio to the total number was about the same at 0.1 per cent, the survey said. "Although women are playing appointment of women to senior company posts has not proceeded Hosokawa announced a new women, the largest number of nomic Planning Agency (EPA), than the political world," the survey said.

# Iraq needs total end to sanctions – paper

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq needs an end to U.N. sanctions rather than partial oil sales under U.N. supervision, the newspaper of the

Iraqi ruling party said Friday.
"We need the removal of the emhargo and not partial oil sales," the newspaper Al Thawra said in an article.

"You aggressors (the United States and its allies) we demand the lifting of all sanctions and not just some oil," it added.

Iragi officials discussed partial oil sales with the United Nations in New York last month but the talks were suspended without an

agreement. The United Nations is offering to let Iraq sell oil worth \$1.6 billioo to pay for urgent humanitarian oeeds and financial

obligations under the terms of a Gulf war ceasefire. But Al Thawra said the U.N Security Council was now under an obligation to lift the crippling

trade sanctions.
The Security Council says it will lift the embargo only when Iraq has complied with all the ceasefire terms.

One condition is that Iraq must convince a U.N. special commission that it has complied with all the restrictions on weapons.

has not yet met all its obligations. For the oil embargo to be lifted, they say. Iraq has at least several more months to go.

if not all of its commitments but the United Nations has done nothing to ease the embargo.

Al Thawra said Iraq was com-

Iraq says it has honoured most

U.N. weapons officials say Iraq

mitted to obligations under the ceasefire terms and therefore The Security Council has to hon-

our its obligations and im-

mediately remove the sanctions."

LAGOS (AP) — Some cars and

taxis returned to the streets of

Nigeria's commercial capital Fri-

day, but this normally noisy,

hustling city stayed relatively quiet for the second day of a

Supermarkets, banks and fac-

tories were sbut, and most major

bus and train terminals were

emptyFriday morning. A few resi-

deots ventured to work after the

government warned Thursday

night that it would fire absent

The stay t-home demonstra-

The first day of the three-day

But strike leaders still called

activity today, but by the large

people are holding out, the stay-

at-home order is still largely

effective," said Olisa Agbakoha,

president of the Civil Liberties

general strike.

#### JOHANNESBURG (Agencies) ANC leader Nelson Mandela - Criticism mounted Friday over an African National Congress has repeatedly said he under-(ANC) leader's call for militant stands the anger of township resi-

youths to direct their gunfire at President F.W. de Klerk. Peter Mokaba, the fiery leader of the ANC Youth League, told a funeral service Thursday for vic-

forces and take their struggle to When people io the crowd fired

them to stop wasting bullets. "Direct them against de Klerk. We don't have enough ammunition," said Mr. Mokaba, wbose militant rbeotric has stirred up

past two weeks. On Friday, the chairman of a national peace committee said Mr. Mokaha's comments, if reported accurately, violated a national peace accord signed by all major parties, including the

be investigated. The peace accord calls for all signatories to refrain from violeoce or ioflammatory statements. But it has failed to halt chronic political violence that has

cent years. violence and moderates calling

# ANC youth leader's remarks spark furor

tims of a recent massacre that people in black townships should drive out government security

shots in the air, Mr. Mokaba told

repeated cootroversies.

The government and ruling National Party immediately complained the statements would cause further violeoce in hlack townships, where more than 200 people have been killed in the

ANC. He said the incideot would

killed thousands of hlacks io re-

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze called Mr. Mokaba's statements "political arson," while the National Party said the ANC was split between radicals encouraging

An ANC spokesman said the group would study Mr. Mokaba's speech before issuing any state-

Organisation, one of the 41 hu-

man rights groups that called the

claimed the strike's opening day

failed to keep people at home. Information Secretary Uche

Chukwumerije broadcast a state-

ment claiming Lagos returned to

"The city was beginning to witness the usual traffic jams as

people went about their husi-

ness," be said, congratulating

"the patriotism and the courage

of Nigerians, especially those in

Lagos, who shunned the devilish

In fact, in late afternoon Thurs-

day it took 20 minutes to drive

between the neighbourhoods of

Ikoyi and Ikeja, a trip that took

two hours on Tuesday as resi-

dents scurried to get husiness

done and stock up cupboards

Troops hacked by helicopter

gunships were sent in to prevent a

repeat of the ferocious rioting

and looting that reportedly killed

more than 100 people during a

So far, compliance with the

strike has appeared limited to the

similar strike last month.

before the strike.

campaign of hired agents."

normal by midday Thursday.

The military government

# dents but that they must refrain fram violence because negotiations were the only hope for

South Africa. A nine-year-old girl was shot in the back when unknown gunmen attacked her parents' home in Katlebong townsbip, east of Johanneshurg Thursday night,

fought the Arabised Muslim

north, splintered into factions along tribal lines two years ago.

weak and strengthened the gov-ernment side," Bishop Solomona

A representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR) accompanied repor-

ters to Kaya and urged the Khartoum government to cease all military activities in the region.

"We once again appeal to the

Sudanese authorities to suspend

military activities in the area. We

do this on humanitarian

grounds," Panos Moumtsis said.

EC aid for Sudan

The Commission of European Communities (EC) is to contribute six million ECUs (\$5.31

million) to relief programmes for

people affected by drought and

conflict io Sudan, a statement from the EC delegation said Fri-

This is a continuation of the 6.7

million (\$5.93 million) granted by

the EC in the humanitarian field

for emergency food and non-food

aid since the beginning of 1992 to

assist Sudan's population affected

or displaced by civil war, the

provision of 360,000 tonnes of

cereal food and 32.3 million

ECUs (\$28.58 millioo) from Bri-

taio, Denmark, France, Ger-

many, Ireland and Netherlands,

made EC donations to Sudan's

war and drought victims the

largest ever at a total of 45 million ECUs (\$39.92 million).

The aid, together with another

statement said.

said gloomily.

The split has left SPLA forces

police said Friday. Police spokeswoman Janine Smith said the girl was being treated for her wounds in hospital. The motive for the attack, in which no-one else was burt, was

Peace force proposed

The news agency SAPA reported a proposal for a multiparty peacekeeping force to oversee the run-up to South Africa'a first non-racial election next

negotiations Thursday. SAPA said the propsoal,

wake of hlack township violence.

sharply with those of the ANC.

April wass unveiled at democracy

drawn up by a committee of negoitators, calls for the peace force to be made up of all military forces belonging to the 26 parties taking part in democracy talks. The plan for a peace force was first put to democracy negotiators hy the ANC oo Aug. 2, in the

Bot the plan ran into immediate problems a day later, with right-wingers accusing the government of weakness and refusing to have anything to do with it. While President de Klerk has endorsed the idea, his views on how it should be formed differ

Mr. De Klerk insists the force will play an auxiliary role to the present security force and would not be combatant.

# General strike against regime paralyses Lagos

the stronghold of the apparent winner of the voides June 12 election, billionaire busioessman Moshood K.O. Abiola. This reflected the tribal, religious and regional rifts that long have plagued the world's most

Many southerners contend the election was voided hecause Abiola, although a Muslim himself, would have been Nigeria's first president from the predominantly Christian south.

influential and populous black nation of about 90 million people.

In Lagos, even federal government huildings and foreign embassies were closed Thursday. "It's just like a holiday," said politician and husinesswoman Bola King. "Bot I think many people stayed away more out of

fear of being molested." She showed a threatening leafiet from a previously unknown organisation, the August National Struggle Council, distributed under dnors and stuck on windshields in the past week.

"Don't be burnt alive inside your vehicles," it warned. "Don't turn your wives into widows and your children into orphans. Be on the side of God. Be on the side of southwest corner of the nation, the people."

Mr. Agbakoba said Friday the leader of the higgest oil workers' uoion, Joseph Akinlaja, was arrested Thursday night after he warned he would paralyse the oil industry with a strike if the military did not surrender power.

# Bomb plot alleged

The military rulers, struggling with their gravest crisis in a decade, accused opponents Friday of plotting a bombing campaign in support of "a disgruntled pohtician" now abroad.

The charges did not name the politician but clearly referred to Mr. Abiola. Mr. Abiola's supporters called the allegations "absurd."

The plot statement, signed by Information Secretary Ucbe Chukwumerije, said conspirators planned bomb explosions in Lagos, Abuja and the northern city of Kaduna between Aug. 16 and 25, and intended to blow op the north-south oil pipeline near Kaduna.

It said plotters planned to distribute 10 million naira (\$455,000) to trade unions and other dissidents "to step up the acts of incitement."

# **Assad expects progress**

anticipate any change in the for-

"I would say centimetre by

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erected between the delegates from the occupied territories and anyone from the Palestinian di-

aspora\_ Aharon said, "If this government wants to conduct negotiations with the PLO it should say it is negotiating with the PLO. But to say what happened in Tunis is

agreed with Bush administration officials that Israel and the United States would leave the talks if delegation members openly declared their PLO ties.

"An agreeement will have to be worked out between the gov-ernment of Israel and the PLO."

more roles in society, the yet," it said. On Monday Mr. cabinet that incloded three female ministers in any postwar cabinet. They now bead the Eco-Environmental Agency and Ministry of Education. "We can say the business world is less open

tion was called to protest the military government's refusal to surrender power after June elecstrike turned the country's largest city into a ghost town of shuttered shops patrolled by armed troops. Friday, cars returned to the streets and a few vendors sold yams, eggplants and oranges. the protest a success.
"I agree there's increased